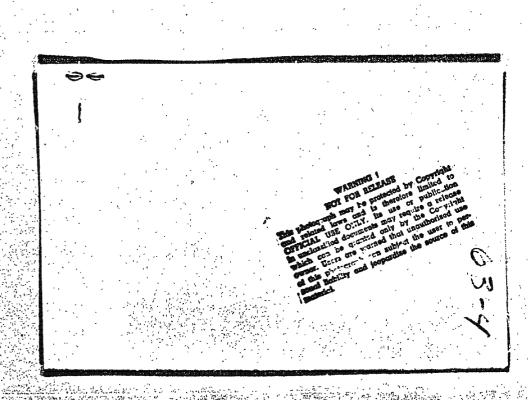
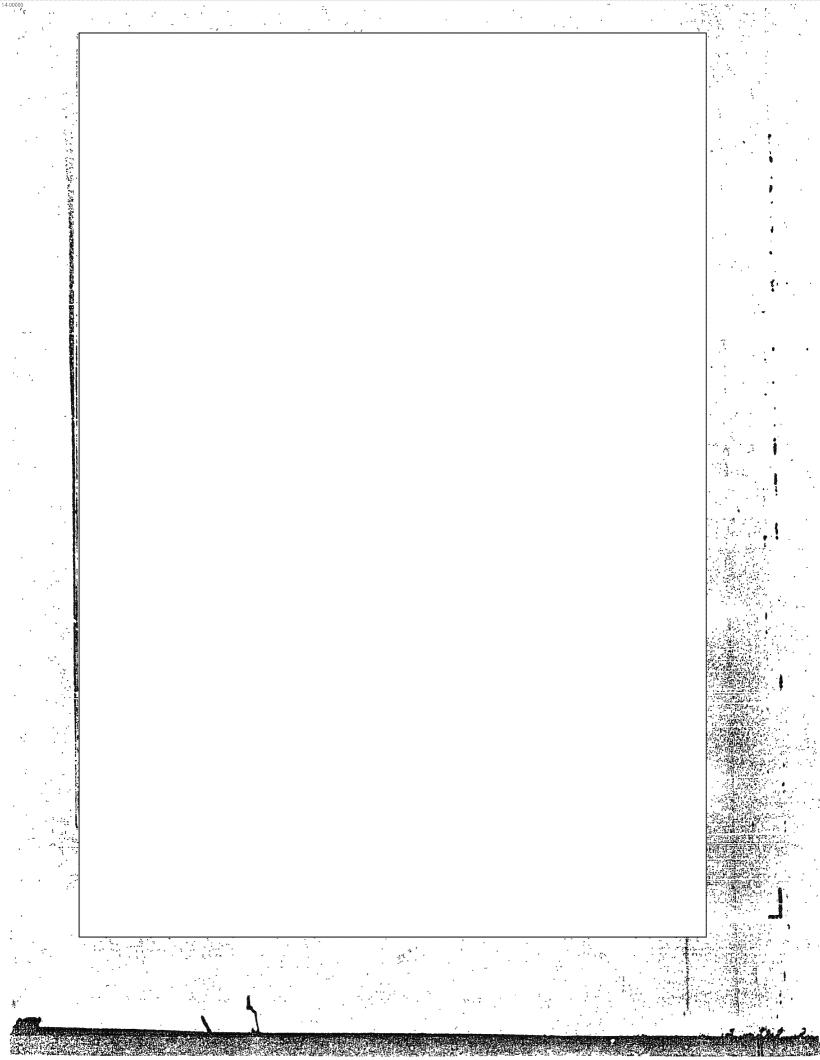
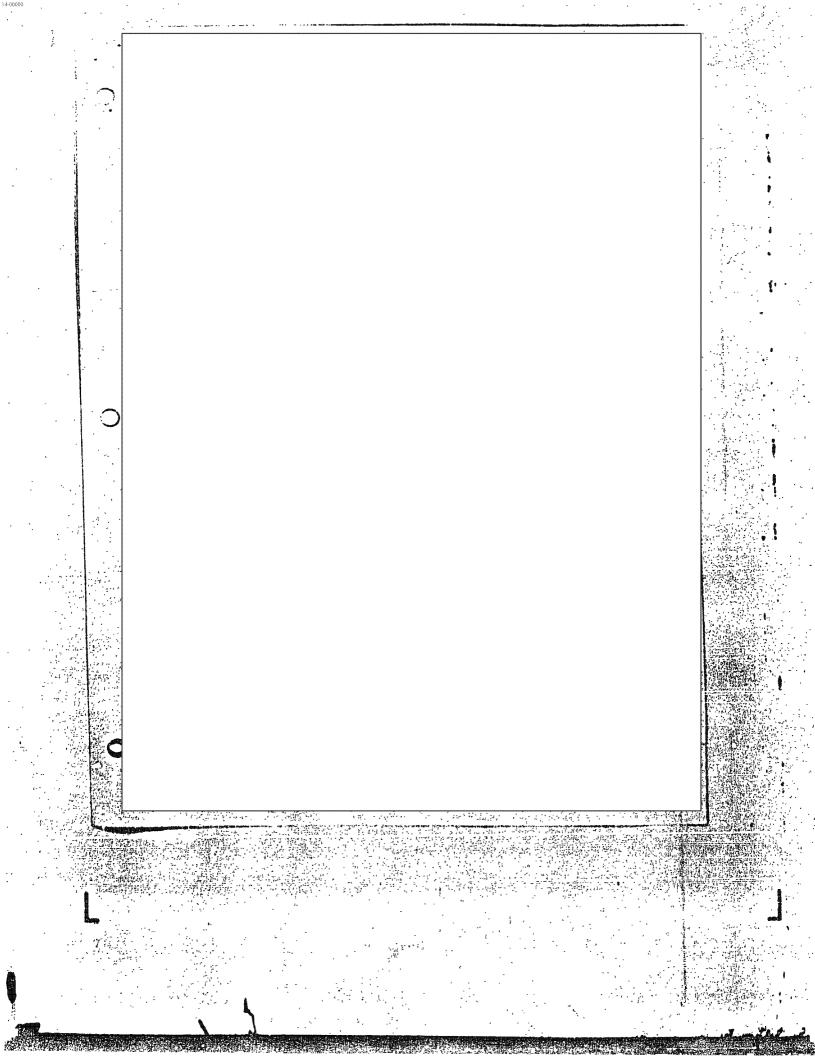


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Personalities and Their Present Location

- 1. I recently spent approximately three days in Haiti (9-12 Dec 68) and while there had extended visits with Clemard Joseph Charles, President, Banque Commerciale d'Haiti, and also owner of a sisal plantation and mill. Present during my visits with Charles was his personal assistant and confidant, Ludovich Celestines. Charles, a devout Catholic, personally told me that he intended to attempt to overthrow Duvalier. He has made specific plans for this overthrow in late February or early March 1969. He claims that he definitely has the Army and the Catholic Church with him, and that the overthrow will be without bloodshed.
- 2. I had not intended to contact other officials or individuals in Haiti.

  However, on the last day of my stay I was invited to visit with Clovis M. Desinor, formerly Haiti's representative to the UN and currently Dr. Duvalier's Minister of Finance. He is said to be the No. 2 man in Haiti next to Davalier. Present at the meeting with Desinor was his assistant, Dr. Herve Boyer and reportedly the No. 3 man.

#### BACKGROUND

- 3. I first met the individuals mentioned above in 1965-66 while on an extended stay in Haiti for business purposes. I was introduced to Charles by Maximore, a driver assigned to me by the Haitian Government and whose wife, Raymonde, was the personal secretary for Charles. Rowe continued to drive for me on that first and subsequent visits to Haiti except on this latest visit when he was absent in the US.
- 4. When I first met Charles he was President of the Banque Commerciale d'Haiti, owned the Sical plantation and mill, also owned a tannery financed by West German interests, and was the President of the Baiti Chamber of Commerce and Haitian correspondent for the First National Gity Bank of New York. During the period approximately one year prior to June 1967, Charles put into effect a system of Social Security (Office of National Assurance) which was working well and liked by the Haitian

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people. He also devised an automobile insurance system and was financing this through the Banque Commerciale d'Haiti.

- 5. In a period just prior to June 1967 Duvalier was convinced by Desinor and Boyer that Charles was, or at least had been, plotting Duvaliers' overthrow. Together with a large group Charles was imprisoned in Port-au-Frince from June 1967 to June 1968.
- 6. Just prior to the arrest of Charles, Max Rowe's wife, Raymonde, took US\$200,000 out of the bank and hid it near Cap Haitien in the north and advised Charles' wife of the location. In addition, Max Roweclaims that in June 1967 he and his wife [Raymonde Rowe is in process of getting US citizenship. Max is in the US on a visitor's permit] brought papers incriminating Charles to the US and destroyed them.

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- 7. Although Charles has the bank, his position at present is difficult. I saw the bank balance sheet which shows assets of US\$2.9 million but only US\$29,000 (as of 10 Dec 68) cash on hand. With this small amount of cash he can no longer make loans. He says that he has found it necessary to make sizeable loans to Haitians who have in turn made highly speculative loans to others at exorbitant rates of interest. Very minor amounts of these loans have been repaid to the bank and thus his current financial position.
- 6. Charles is hopeful that when Duvalier's overthrow has been completed he will be able to get private financial assistance from the US. According to Charles, US financial organizations have almost completely stopped their assistance because of the oppressive Duvalier Government.
- 9. Charles says that Max Rowe is awere of his plans to overthrow Duvalier which were communicated to Rowe by a La Bonte <u>Jean</u>, who is also in the US. Charles says that the Army is unhappy with Duvalier because of the execution of fourteen officers after the abortive May 1968 invasion, which included Najor Toma, who was popular and powerful in his position as a censor and in control of all foreigners coming into Haiti. Charles maintains that the Ton Ton Macoutes are no longer a potent force not operational. They have no food and are receiving no pay.
- Manager, agrees with Charles that Desimor and Boyer are Duvalier's closest confidents. Fitch Metales (alias Fritz Relmont) is said by Rowe and La Grand to be Duvalier's hatchet man. He is manager of the Croupiers at the Royal Cabaret. La Grand says that the "old man", (Duvalier) is stronger than ever, both in health and power.

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1. Reference is made to your request for registration dated 3 June 1968 concerning Subject. You are referred to OO-E-324/ 06349-66 dated 14 April 1966, subject: Clemard Joseph Charles Believed to be President Duvalier's Personal Financial Manager/ Biographical Data on C J Charles; OO-A(S) 322/14068-68 dated May 1968, subject: Clemard Joseph-Charles Must Raise US \$605 Thousand Before He Can Resume His Banking and Other Activities; and OO-A(S) 322/14367-68 dated 22 May 1968, subject: Rearrest of Clemard Joseph Charles /Charles Is Not Able to Raise US\$605 Thousand Ransom/ Data Concerning Charles' US Bank Accounts/President Duvalier Might Settle for US\$100 Thousand Cash/Charles Has Credit of US\$300 Thousand in National Bank of the Republic of Haiti and Claims an Additional US\$100 Thousand. Copies are attached for your retention.

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3. We do not, however, wish to interpose any objection to DCS maintaining contact with Brun for its ewn purposes and we would appreciate being advised of any information of significance on Haiti which may be produced through this contact.

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1. Reference "A" forwarded to you a latter from Louis
A. Brun, B&B International Corporation, 134 Fifth Avenue, New
York, No York, to Creward Joseph Charles, Port-au-Prince,
Haiti. This letter was to be nent by State Department diplomatic
pouch to Mr. Robert C. Pelder, United States Rebassy, Fort-auPrince, Haiti, and given by him to Charles. Brun had told us
that Felder had agreed to act as intermediary for correspondence
between himself and Charles and added that he and Charles had
already used the system. The letter in Reference "A" was the
first time we had been approached in the matter.

- 2. Reference "B" stated that the letter had been dispatched via Message Center Courier to the State Papartment on 24 June 1968.
- 3. On or about 2 June 1966 Brun telephoned us and stated that Charles had not received the latter. We telephoned Mr. Masulin, who double checked and assured us that the latter had gone to the State Department and that it should go cut in the next pouch.
- 4. On 10 July 1968, Brun telephoned us and stated that on 9 July 1968 he had received a telephone call from a Bay Alvares. Alvares identified himself as a State Department employee in Weshington and told Brun that he had the letter destined for Churles. Alvares then told Brun that he would return the letter if Brun would tell him how it had reached the State Department. Brun refused to give Alvares any information. We then telephoned Mr. Masulin and relayed the foregoing information. Mr. Musulin inquired into the matter and learned that the letter had give to Baiti in the State Department possib, had not been delivered to Felder and had been returned to Mashington. Me and we surmised that the State Department did

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not wish to lay itself open to the charge of becoming embroiled in local Haitian politics and so had refused to deliver the letter to Felder. We reported this information to Erun.

- 5. On 11 July 1968 Brus telephoned us and told me that he had received a letter from Carles vin the False School. This letter bore a New York City postanth. We gave Who termestion to Mr. Musulin. We told Brus that it is quite problemation to Mr. Musulin. We told Brus that it is quite problemation to the has a personal arrangement with unknown parties think permits him to use the diplomatic pouch facilities. Since the do not, letters can go only from tharles to Brus and not from Brus to Charles. Brus and we agreed that he will not hemosforth attempt to use Falder to sand letters to Charles.
- 6. Mr. Musulin agreed to retrieve the letter from the State Department and to send it to us. We shall return it forthwith to Brus.

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Ma chère Sophie.

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Certe lettre est pour t'accuser réception des tiennes des 17 et 26 mai écoulés et du 4 juin en cours.

Si tu n'as pas cu de mes nouvelles depuis mon départ d'Haiti le 7 mai dernier, c'est que premièrement, je me proposais de retourner voir Clémard la semaine suivante. Le voyage a dû être différé lorsque j'ai su que Clémard avait, à nouveau, été arrêté le ll mai. J'ai même eu à faire un câble à un ami pour / lui annoncer mon arrivée et je suis sûr qu'il a dû t'en informer.

Dueidmement, l'arrestation de Clémard ainsi que les nouvelles der derniers événements en Haiti on eu des effets négatifs sur les négociations en cours que j'avais entamées pour Clémard et qui semblaient vouloir aboutir. Je n'ai pas besoin de te dire combien j'en ai été bouleversé. Alors que nos amis d'ici et moi pensions pouvoir aider Clémard que nous estimons comme un frère, sa nouvelle arrestation est venue nous assommer avec une rigneur dont nous nous remettons à peine.

Avant d'aller plus loin, je dois te dire que tu ne dois point louter de notre dévouement pour Clémard. Il sait, et tu dois aussi le savoir, que nous ne sourions jamais marchander notre concours à un ami pour qui nous avons à plus grande affection et pour qui nous sommes prêts à consentir tous les sacrifices personnels que les circonstances peuvent exiger. Je crois devoir te dire que si, en dehors d'Haiti, je n'arrive à le tirer de l'impasse dans laquelle il se trouve, je doute fort, sans fausse modestie, que quelqu'un d'autre puisse réussir à le faire.

Nos puissants amis communs tant à New York, Washington, Miami et ailleurs ont tous manifesté un désir sérieux de lui venir en aide dans les limites de leurs possibilités respectives.

Dopuis mon retour d'Haiti je me suis mis en action à cette fin et ai personellement vu plusieurs personnalités du monde financier qui n'ent pas hésité à consacrer une grande partie de leur temps précieux à la concrêtisation des plans que j'ai eu à envisager avec Clémard en vue de le tirer d'embarras le plus rapidement possible.

Kes etpoirs de réussite ainsi que ceux de tous les amis contactés se sont heurtés aux effets négatifs inévitables provenant tant de la nouvelle arrestation de Clémard que des derniers événements survenus en Haiti depuis le 20 mai écoulé. Je t'envoie, pour preuve, copie d'une lettre d'un de ces grands anis, Mr. Howard Dirris de Washington, D.C. Je te demande de garder cette lettre strictement confidentielle car je n'aurais pas aimé que le nom de Mr. Burris soit mentienné à quiconque en Haiti. Si cela arrivait, nous pourrions perère un très bon ami.

Pour ton information, je te dirai que Mr. Burris est un colonel retraité du Corps de Génie de l'armée américaine, ami personnel et conseiller du Président Jehnson et extrêmement influent à Washington tant dans le monde politique que financier. J'ai eu à faire deux voyages à Washington entre le 8 et 11 mai au coura desquels lui et moi envisagions les moyens d'aider Clémard selon le "modus" envisagi. La copie de sa lettre du 7 juin en cours saura te confirmer ce qui précède.

J'ai aussi vu personnellement et lui ai causé maintes fois au téléphone,
Joseph Dryer, qui devait se rendre en Maiti le 24 mai pour te vois mais qui a
du renvoyer son voyage après les nouvelles de la dernière tentative d'invasion.
Je lui ai encore causé récemment au téléphone et il a cu à me faire part des
résultats négatifs de ses efforts, toujours en fonction des mêmes circonstances.

Le lettres adressées aux autres amis de l'étranger, dont Dabinovick, par example, sont restées jusqu'ici sans réponses. Je vais une nouvelle fois écrire longuement à Dabinovick pour lui transmettre ta dernière communication avec l'espoir d'avoir un mot encourageant de lui.

Comme tu dois le comprendre, ma chère Sophie, nos efforts, malgré toute notre bonne volonté, ne sauraient se concrétiser à brève échéance, car les valeurs en question qu'il nous faut trouver ne sont pas insignificantes. Je te signalerai en passant un point qui a été soulevé au cours des négociations et qui fait ressortir que même ai nos amin nermient en mesure d'avancer à Clémard les valeurs nécessaires, ils ent des doutes sérieux non pas sur la sincérité de Clémard à faire face aux obligations qui devront être contractées, mais à la possibilité matérielle de rapatrier, en dollars américains, les valeurs avancées. J'ai personnellement nouitté à don contracts avec des busquiers d'iei qui effiment qu'avant longtemps, Maltinisman prosquesplus de devince-dollars pour solder ses comptes à l'étranger. Autant d'obstacles que je suis malheureusement obligé de te signaler pour que tu saches à quei t'en tonir.

Concernant maintenant le <u>nrand tanquier noit</u> dont j'ai eu moi-môme à dire à Clémard que je croyais pouvoir nous aider, relui-ci a eu à me faire comprendre qu'il ne pouvait an l'occurrence intéresser son institution à une affaire de ce genre qui comporte trop de risques. De ce côté là il n'y a donc pas grand espoir.

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Ceci dit, malgré tous ces obstacles qui sembleraient insurmontables, je n'ai pas totalement perdu l'espoir de pouvoir t'aider à sortir Clémard, sain et souf, de la prison où sa santé se détériore rapidement, je le sais. L'essentiel est que le Chef lui-même soit persuadé que l'inhabilité que nous éprouvons à satisfaire les exigences du moment, ne sont en aucune façon imputables à Clémard mais plutôt à des circonstances totalement indépendantes de notre volonté.

Je pric Dicu Tout-puissant pour que l'on finisse par réaliser que Clémard, en bon patriote haltien, a eu foi en son pays et n'a pas eru bon d'expatrier, comme plus d'un l'a fait, le fruit de ses durs labeurs et de son intelligence productive.

Je me proposais d'écrire personnellement à Son Excellence le Président à Vie d'Haiti, pour implorer sa clémence et sa générosité pour un ami qui nous est cher. Je me suis alors demandé si c'était là un geste sage qui pourrait avoir la vertu de l'épargner et, dans le doute, j'ai préférer m'abstenir.

Pour revenir maintenant aux possibilités de féaliser au moins partiellement, la valeur exigée, je dois te dire que je suis heureux de savoir que tu détiens une procuration générale en bonne et due forme t'habilitant à ratifier tout ce que nous pourrions entreprendre à cette fin.

Súparément, par cette même voie, je te communiquerai toutes les formalités à remplir pour nous mettre en mesure de réaliscr dans un délai raisonable au moins le tiers de la somme réclamée. Il serait souhaitable que tu sois mise en mesure de venir ici à New York, ce qui l'aciliterait beaucoup les choses, mais dans l'impossibilité d'une pareille alternative, tu devras donc agréer aux conditions stipulées. Il faudra donc agir avec dilligence pour nous permettre d'aller au plus vite.

Ma chère Sophie, je terminerai cette lettre déjà longue et ardue en te renouvelant mon dévouement le plus entier à la cause de notre ami Clémard et en te priant une nouvelle fois de ne jamais douter de mes sentiments propres et ceux de ma famille pour Clémard, toi et les tiens.

Affections à Cros-Miche, Marie-Claudine, Toto, Eddie et sa femme.

Bon courage!

True Co Brien

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REFERENCES: (A)
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- 1. Reference "A" forwarded to you a letter from Louis
  A. Brun, B&B International Corporation, 134 Fifth Avenue, New
  York, Nov York, to Clemard Joseph Charles, Port-au-Prince,
  Haiti. This letter was to be sent by State Department diplomatic
  pouch to Mr. Robert C. Felder, United States Embassy, Port-auPrince, Haiti, and given by him to Charles. Brun had told us
  that Felder had agreed to act as intermediary for correspondence
  between himself and Charles and added that he and Charles had
  already used the system. The letter in Reference "A" was the
  first time we had been approached in the matter.
- 2. Reference "B" stated that the letter had been dispatched via Message Center Courier to the State Department on 24 June 1968.
- 3. On or about 26 June 1368 Brun telephoned us and stated that Charles had not received the letter. We telephoned Mr. Musulin, who double-checked and assured us that the letter had gone to the State Department and that it should go out in the sext pouch.
- 4. On 10 July 1968, Brun telephoned us and stated that en 9 July 1968 he had received a telephone call from a Ray Alvares. Alvares identified himself as a State Department employee in Washington and told Brun that he had the letter destined for Charles. Alvares then told Brun that he would return the letter if Brun would tell him how it had reached the State Department. Brun refused to give Alvares any information. We then telephoned Mr. Musulin and relayed the foregoing information. Mr. Musulin inquired into the matter and learned that the letter had gone to Haiti in the State Department pouch, had not been delivered to Felder and had been returned to Mashington. He and we surmised that the State Department did

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5. On 11 July 1968 Brun telephoned us and told us that he had received a letter from Charles via the Folder channel. This letter bore a New York City postmark. We gave this information to \_\_\_\_\_\_ We told Brun that it is quite probable that Felder has a personal arrangement with unknown parties which permits him to use the diplomatic pouch facilities. Since we do not, letters can go only from Charles to Brun and not from Brun to Charles. Brun and we agreed that he will not henceforth attempt to use Felder to send letters to Charles.

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Ma chère Sophie.

Cette lettre est pour t'accuser réception des tiennes des 17 et 26 mai écoulés et du 4 juin en cours.

Si tu n'as pas eu de mes nouvelles depuis mon départ d'Haiti le 7 mai dernier, c'est que premièrement, je me proposais de retourner voir Clémard la semaine suivante. Le voyage a dû être différé lorsque j'ai su que Clémard avait, à nouveau, été arrêté le ll mai. J'ai même eu à faire un câble à un ami pour lui annoncer mon arrivée et je suis sûr qu'il a dû t'en informer.

Ducièmement, l'arrestation de Clémard ainsi que les nouvelles der derniers évênements en Haiti on eu des effets négatifs sur les négociations en cours que j'avais entamées pour Clémard et qui semblaient vouloir aboutir. Je n'ai pas besoin de te dire combien j'en ai été bouleversé. Alors que nos amis d'ici et moi pensions pouvoir aider Clémard que nous estimons comme un frère, sa nouvelle arrestation est venue nous assommer avec une rigueur dont nous nous remettons à peinc.

Avant d'aller plus loin, je dois te dire que tu ne dois point douter de notre dévouement pour Clémard. Il sait, et tu dois aussi le savoir, que nous ne saurions jamais marchander notre concours à un ami pour qui nous avons le plus grande affection et pour qui nous sommes prêts à consentir tous les sacrifices personnels que les circonstances peuvent exiger. Je crois devoir te dire que si, en dehors d'Haiti, je n'arrive à le tirer de l'impasse dans laquelle il se trouve, je doute fort, sans fausse modestie, que quelqu'un d'autre puisse réussir à le faire.

Nos puissants amis communs tant à New York, Washington, Miami et ailleurs ont tous manifesté un désir séricux de lui venir en aide dans les limites de leurs possibilités respectives.

Depuis mon retour d'Haiti je me suis mis en action à cette fin et ai personellement vu plusieurs personnalités du monde financier qui n'ont pas hésité à consacrer une grande partie us leur temps précieux à la concrêtifation des plans que j'ai eu à envisager avec Clémard en vue de le tirer d'embarras le plus rapidement possible.

Nes espoirs de réussite ainsi que ceux de tous les amis contactés se sont heurtés aux effets négatifs inévitables provenant tant de la nouvelle arrestation de Clémard que des derniers événements survemus en Haiti depuis le 20 mai écoulé. Je t'envoie, pour preuve, copie d'une lettre d'un de ces grands amis, Mr. Howard Burris de Vashington, D.C. Je te demande de garder cette lettre strictement confidentielle car je n'aurais pas aimé que le nom de Mr. Burris soit mentionné à quiconque en Haiti. Si cela arrivait, nous pourrions perdre un très bon ami.

Pour ton information, je te dirai que Nr. Burris est un colonel retraité du Corps de Génie de l'armée américaine, ami personnel et conseiller du Président Johnson et extrêmement influent à Washington tant dans le monde politique que financier. J'ai eu à faire deux voyages à Washington entre le 8 et 11 mai au cours desquels lui et moi envisagions les moyens d'aider Clémard selon le "modus" envisagé. La copie de sa lettre du 7 juin en cours saura te confirmer ce qui précède.

J'ai aussi vu personnellement et lui ai causé maintes fois au téléphone, Joseph Dryer, qui devait se rendre en Haiti le 24 mai pour te vois mais qui a dû renvoyer son voyage après les nouvelles de la dernière tentative d'invasion. Je lui ai encore causé récemment au téléphone et il a eu à me faire part des résultats négatifs de ses efforts, toujours en fonction des mêmes circonstances.

Le lettres adressées aux autres amis de l'étranger, dont Dabinovick, par example, sont restées jusqu'ici sans réponses. Je vais une nouvelle fois écrire longuement à Dabinovick pour lui transmettre ta dernière communication avec l'espoir d'avoir un mot encourageant de lui.

Comme tu dois le comprendre, ma chère Sophie, nos efforts, malgré toute notre bonne volonté, ne sauraient se concrétier à brève échéance, car les valeurs en question qu'il nous faut trouver ne sont pas insignifiantes. Je te signalerai en passant un point qui a été soulevé au cours des négociations et qui fait ressortir que même si nos amin seraient en mesure d'avancer à Clémard les valeurs nécessaires, ils ont des doutes sérioux non pas sur la sincérité de Clémard à faire face aux obligations qui devront être contractées, mais à la possibilité matérielle de rapatrier, en dollars américains, les valeurs avancées. J'ai personnellement assisté à des contacts avec des banquiers d'ici qui affirment qu'avant longtemps, liaiti n'aura presque, plus de devises-dollars pour solder ses comptes à l'étranger. Autant d'obstacles que je suis malheureusement obligé de te signaler pour que tu saches à quoi t'en tenir.

Concernant maintenant le grand banquier noit dont j'ai eu moi-même à dire à . Clémard que je croyais pouvoir nous aider, celui-ci a eu à me faire comprendre qu'il ne pouvait an l'occurrence intéresser son institution à une affaire de ce genre qui comporte trop de risques. De ce côté là il n'y a donc pas grand espoir.

Ceci dit, malgré tous ces obstacles qui sembleraient insurmontables, je n'ai pas totalement perdu l'espoir de pouvoir t'aider à sortir Clémard, sain et sauf, de la prison où sa santé se détériore rapidement, je le sais. L'essentiel est que le Chef lui-même soit persuadé que l'inhabilité que nous éprouvons à satisfaire les exigences du moment, ne sont en aucune raçon imputables à Clémard mais plutôt à des circonstances totalement indépendantes de notre volonté.

Je prie Dieu Tout-puissant pour que l'on finisse par réaliser que Clémard, en bon patriote haltien, a eu foi en son pays et n'a pas cru bon d'expatrier, comme plus d'un l'a fait, le fruit de ses durs labeurs et de son intelligence productive.

Je me proposais d'écrire personnellement à Son Excellence le Président à Vie d'Haiti, pour implorer sa clémence et sa générosité pour un ami qui nous est cher. Je me suis alors demandé si c'était là un geste sage qui pourrait avoir la vertu de l'épargner et, dans le doute, j'ai préférer m'abstenir.

Pour revenir maintenant aux possibilités de féaliser au moins partiellement, la valeur exigée, je dois te dire que je suis heureux de savoir que tu détiens une procuration générale en bonne et due forme t'habilitant à ratifier tout ce que nous pourrions entreprendre à cette fin.

Séparément, par cette même voie, je te communiquerai toutes les formalités à remplir pour nous mettre en mesure de réaliser dans un délai raisonable au moins le tiers de la somme réclamée. Il serait souhaitable que tu sois mise en mesure de venir ici à New York, ce qui faciliterait beaucoup les choses, mais dans l'impossibilité d'une pareille alternative, tu devras donc agréer aux conditions stipulées. Il faudra donc agir avec dilligence pour nous permettre d'aller au plus vite.

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Affections & Gros-Miche, Marie-Claudine, Toto, Eddie et sa femme.

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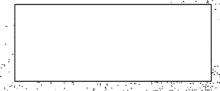
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- 1. Reference "A" forwarded to you a letter from Louis A. Brun, BAB International Corporation, 134 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. & York, to Clemard Joseph Charles, Port-au-Frince; Baiti. This letter was to be sent by State Department diplomatic pouch to Mr. Notest C. Felder, United States Rebassy, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and given by him to Charles. Brun had told us that Felder had agreed to act as intermediary for correspondence between bimself and Charles and added that he and Charles had already used the system. The letter in Reference "A" was the first time we (and been approached in the matter.
- 8. Beference "B" stated that the latter had been dispatched via Message Center Courier to the State Department on 24 June 1968.
- 3. On or about 26 June 1968 Brun telephoned us and stated that Charles had not received the letter. We telephoned Mr. Musulin, who double-checked and assured us that the letter had gone to the State Department and that it should go out in the part pouch.
- 4. On 10 July 1968, Brun telephoned us and stated that on 9 July 1968 he had received a telephone call from a Ray Alvares. Alvares identified himself as a State Department employee in Vashington and told Brun that he had the letter destined for Charles. Alvarez then told Brun that he would return the letter if Brun would tell him how it had reached the State Department. Brun refused to give Alvarez any information. We then telephoned Mr. Musulin and relayed the foregoing information. Mr. Musulin inquired into the matter and learned that the letter had gone to Haiti in the State Department pouch, had not been delivered to Felder and had been returned to Washington. He and we surmised that the State Department did

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not wish to lay itself open to the charge of becoming embruied in local Haitian politics and so had refused to deliver the letter to Felder. We reported this information to Brum.

5. On 11 July 1968 Brun telephoned us and tolt us that he had received a letter from Charles via the Felder channel. This letter bore a New York City postmark. We gave this information to We told Brun that it is quite probable that Felder has a personal arrangement with unknown parties which permits him to use the diplomatic pouch facilities. Since we do not, letters can go only from Charles to Brun and not from Brun to Charles. Brun and we agreed that he will not hemosforth attempt to use Felder to send letters to Charles.

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LOUIS A. ERUH 134 Fifth Ave. New York, N.Y.

Le | Juin 1968

Mme Clémard Joseph Charles Port-eu-Prince Haiti

Ma chère Sophie,

Cette lettre est pour t'accuser réception des tiennes des 17 et 26 mai écoulés et du 4 juin en cours.

Si tu n'as pas eu de mes nouvelles depuis mon départ d'Haiti le 7 mai dernier, e'est que premièrement, je me proposais de retourner voir Clémard la semaine suivante. Le voyage a dû être différé lorsque j'ai su que Clémard avait, à nouveau, été arrêté le 11 mai. J'ai même eu à faire un câble à un ami pour lui annoncer mon arrivée et je suis sûr qu'il a dû t'en informer.

Ducièmement, l'arrestation de Clémard ainsi que les nouvelles der derniers évênements en Maiti on eu des effets négatifs sur les négociations en cours que j'avais entamées pour Clémard et qui semblaient vouloir aboutir. Je n'ai pas besoin de te dire combien j'en ai été bouleversé. Alors que nos amis d'ici et moi pensions pouvoir aider Clémard que nous estimons comme un frère, sa nouvelle arrestation est venue nous assommer avec une rigueur dont nous mous remettons à peine.

Avant d'aller plus loin, je dois te dire que tu ne dois point douter de notre dévouement pour Clémard. Il sait, et tu dois aussi le savoir, que nous ne saurions jamais marchander notre concours à un ami pour qui nous avons la plus grande affection et pour qui nous sommes prêts à consentir tous les sacrifices personnels que les circonstances peuvent exiger. Je crois devoir te dire que si, en dehors d'Haiti, je n'arrive à le tirer de l'impasse dans laquelle il se trouve, je doute fort, sans fausse modestie, que quelqu'un d'autre puisse réussir à le faire.

Nos puissants amis communs tant à New York, Washington, Miami et ailleurs ont tous manifesté un désir sérieux de lui venir en aide dans les limites de leurs possibilités respectives.

Depuis won retour d'Haiti je me suis mis en action à cette fin et ai personellement vu plusieurs personnalités du monde financier qui n'ont pas hésité à consacrer une grande partie de leur temps précieux à la concrétisation des plans que j'ai en à envisager avec Clémard en vue de le tirer d'embarras le plus rapidement possible.

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Mes espoirs de réussite ainsi que ceux de tous les amis contactés se sont heurtés aux effets négatifs inévitables provenant tant de la nouvelle arrestation de Clémard que des derniers événements survenus en Haiti depuis le 20 mai écoulé. Je t'envoie, pour preuve, copie d'une lettre d'un de ces grands amis, Mr. Howard Burris de Washington, D.C. Je te demande de garder cette lettre strictement confidenticlle car je n'aurais pas aimé que le nom de Mr. Burris soit mentionné à quiconque en Haiti. Si cela arrivait, nous pourrions perdre un très bon ami.

Pour ton information, je te dirai que Mr. Burris est un colonel retraité du Corps de Génie de l'armée américaine, ami personnel et conseiller du Président Johnson et extrêmement influent à Washington tant dans le monde politique que financier. J'ai eu à faire deux voyages à Washington entre le 8 et 11 mai au cours desquels lui et moi envisagions les moyens d'aider Clémard selon le 'modus' envisagé. La copie de sa lettre du 7 juin en cours saura te confirmer ce qui précède.

J'ai aussi vu personnellement et lui ai causé maintes fois au téléphone, Joseph Dryer, qui devait se rendre en Haiti le 24 mai pour te vois mais qui a di renvoyer son voyage après les auvelles de la dernière tentative d'invasion. Je lui ai encore causé récemment au téléphone et il a eu à me faire part des résultats négatifs de ses efforts, toujours en fonction des mêmes circonstances.

Le lettres adressées aux autres amis de l'étranger, dont Dabinovick, par example, sont restées jusqu'ici sans réponses. Je vais une nouvelle fois écrire longuement à Dabinovick pour lui transmettre ta dernière communication avec l'espoir d'avoir un mot encourageant de lui.

Comme tu dois le comprendre, ma chère Sophie, nos efforts, malgré toute notre bonne volonté, ne sauraient se concrétiser à brève échéance, car les valeurs en question qu'il nous faut trouver ne sont pas insignifiantes. Je te signalerai en passant un point qui a été soulevé au cours des négociations et qui fait ressortir que même si nos amis seraient en mesure d'avancer à Clémard les valeurs nécessaires, ils ont des doutes sérioux non pas sur la sincérité de Clémard à faire face aux obligations qui devront être contractées, mais à la possibilité matérielle de rapatrier, en dollars américains, les valeurs avancées. J'ai personnellement assitté à des contacts avec des banquiers d'ici qui affirment qu'avant longtemps, l'aiti n'aura presque, plus de devises-dollars pour solder ses comptes à l'étranger. Autant d'obstacles que je suis malheureusement obligé de te signaler pour que tu saches à quoi t'en tenir.

Concernant maintenant le <u>grand banquier noit</u> dont j'ai eu moi-même à dire à Clémard que je croyais pouvoir nous aider, celui-ci a eu à me faire comprendre qu'il ne pouvait an l'occurrence intéresser son institution à une affaire de ce genre qui comporte trop de risques. De ce côté là il n'y a donc pas grand espoir.

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Ceci dit, malgré tous ces obstacles qui sembleraient insurmontables, je n'ai pas totalement perdu l'espoir de pouvoir t'aider à sortir Clémard, sain et sauf, de la prison où sa santé se détériore rapidement, je le sais. L'essentiel est que le Chef lui-même soit percuadé que l'inhabilité que nous éprouvons à satisfaire les exigences du moment, ne sont en aucune façon imputables à Clémard mais plutôt à des circonstances totalement indépendantes de notre volonté.

Je prie Dieu Tout-puissant pour que l'on finisse par réaliser que Clémard, en bon patriote haltien, a eu foi en son pays et n'a pas cru bon d'expatrier, comme plus d'un l'a fait, le fruit de ses durs labeurs et de son intelligence productive.

Je me proposais d'écrire personnellement à Son Excellence le Président à Vie d'Haiti, pour implorer sa clémence et sa générosité pour un ami qui nous est cher. Je me suis alors demandé si c'était là un geste sage qui pourrait avoir la vertu de l'épargner et, dans le doute, j'ai préférer m'abstenir.

Pour revenir maintenant aux possibilités de féaliser au moins partiellement, la valeur exigée, je dois te dire que je suis heureux de savoir que tu détiens une procuration générale en bonne et due forme t'habilitant à ratifier tout ce que nous pourrions entreprendre à cette fin.

Séparément, par cette même voie, je te communiquerel toutes les formalités à remplir pour nous mettre en mesure de réaliser dans un délai raisonable au moins le tiers de la somme réclemée. Il serait souhaitable que tu sois mise en mesure de venir ici à New York, ce qui l'aciliterait beaucoup les choses, mais dans l'impossibilité d'une pareille alternative, tu devras donc agréer aux conditions stipulées. Il faudra donc agir avec dilligence pour nous permettre d'aller au plus vite.

Ma chère Sophie, je terminerai cette lettre déjà longue et ardue en te renouvelant mon dévouement le plus entier à la cause de notre ami Clémard et en te priant une nouvelle fois de ne jamais douter de mes sentiments propres et ceux de ma famille pour Clémard, toi et les tiens.

Affections & Gros-Miche, Marie-Claudine, Toto, Eddie et sa femme.

Bon courage!

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HOWARD L. BURRIS

SUITE 101, #. C.A. BUILDING 1785 & STREET, N. W WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

June 7, 1968

Mr. Louis A. Brun
B. C. Transparing Corr
L34 Firth Avenua
New York, New York 10011

Dear Mr. Brun

I apologize for the delay in responding to your suggestion concerning the commercial bank in Haiti. My activities here have been such that I have been unable until the past day or so to give your proposal adequate thought and consideration.

Attempt caused cortain reflection and it is this kind of activity, successful or unsuccessful, that could one a serious dislocations for those established in business. However I must assure you that this was only a reflection and the reason that I will be unable to accept your offer is the extent and nature of my activities here in Washington. I believe I alluded to some of them during your visit. The occasions when I would find it possible to visit Port-au-Prince or to devert any significant amount of time to the bank's activities here would be rare indeed. I shall coniess to you that I declined a similar position on a bank board here in the states for the same reason.

I regret that this decision is necessary but I hope that in future relationships we may be able to do something useful and successful in Haiti.

Sincerely,

Mound P. Burns

### FORMALITES A REMPLIR FAR SOFHIE:

- 1) Envoyer, signe par Sophie, un mandat original notarie et legalise par le Consul Americain, a une personne amie ou parent habitant New York, donnant a cette personne les memes pouvoirs donnes par Clemard a Sophie. Ce mandat devra etre accompagne d'une copie authentifiee de celui de Clemard a Sophie.
- 2) Envoyer les clefs des deux "safe deposit box" qui se trouvent a la First National City Bank avec les formes attacheed qui doivent aussi etre legalisees par le consul americain.
- 3) Indiquer le nom et la fonction de la personne autorisee par le gouvernement haitien a regler la transaction avec Clemard pour communication eventuelle relative a la transaction.

#### Ma chere Sophie:

Cette communication te parviendra par une voie que .Clemard a eu a m'indiquer et que je crois etre sure. Fais bien attention a ce qu'il n'y ait pas d'indiscretion.

Je voudrais suggeror que tu habilites Paulette selon le paragraphe 1 ci-dessus.

Je t'envoie aussi par cette meme voie une lettre qui saura te renseigner sur l'etat de nos demarches et possibilites.

Encore une fois, Bon Courage et bonjour a tous.

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- 1. Recently-released Clerard Joseph Charles has received a postponement of the deadline by which he must produce the 194605 thousand required as "ranson" for his permuons release. The new deadline is late September 1968.
- 2. Shortly before Charles' rearrest in May 1566 Hene Adrien visited him at his residence and remonstrated with him. Adrien, one of the directors of the Banque Hatismale de la Hepublique d'Haiti (HRRH), told Charles that he (Charles) had not done enough since his release to produce the US\$005 thousand and added that Charles was receiving too many visitors. Charles responded with such a tirade of abuse that Adrien left the house. Charles was rearrested that same afternuon. At about the same time, Yvon Baint-Victor visited Charles and talked to him in much the same vein as had Adrien. Charles response to Baint-Victor was about the same as his answer to Adrien. Saint-Victor's wife is President Duvalier's secretary.
- 3. Since his release in June 1968, Charles has agreed to intensify his efforts to raise the UD\$605 thousand and to come receiving so many visitors at his house.
- 4. Charles will undoubtedly revive the scheme to raise the UB\$605 thousand through subscription by foreign investors and to place it in a reorganized Banque Commerciale d'Haiti (BCH). / Collector's Note: this plan is outlined in CO-A(8) 322/14367-68 (Paragraph Two). / Alternatively, he may try to interest the dovernment of Haiti (GOH) in his visible cash assets and GOH bonds now on deposit in banks in New York City /Collector's Note: see CO-A(8) 322/14367-68 (Paragraphs Three, Four and Five.) See also CO-A(8) 322/17056-68.
  - 5. The idea of the reorganised BCH was formulated in order



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to get the required sum unto Baiti and at the same time to ensure that it would not simply be confiscated by the COH. The idea was born because Charles and his friends felt (and still feel)
that if he simply handed over US\$605 thousand he would then be liquidated. Thus, the BCH schome would serve as a sort of insurance policy on Charles' life. On the other hand, it is possible that the GOH would refuse to accept the BUH scheme as a substitute for a direct payment and would continue to insist on the direct payment of the US\$005 thousand as ranson. It is possible, however, for the following reasons that President Duvalier would consent to the BCH acheme. First, he is desperate for money and does not much care in just what form it may enter Haiti. Second, he approaches his problems on a day-to-day basis and does not plan for into the future. Third, he is obsessed with the idea or retaining rower for life. Mow, Davalier is perfectly well aware, I am sure, that the BCH scheme will not net him U2005 thousand. On the own hand, however. he is quite suctous for foreign investors to place their money in Maiti, both for the economic benefits which such investments will bring to Exiti and also for the propaganda value which a new foreign business will bring to him. If he liquidates Charles, either before or after receiving the US\$605 thousand, be will suffer much untavorable publicity. It is possible, too, that he may taink that he may be able to got his hands on the UB\$605 thousand even though it may be tied up in the BCH scheme. In any event, Charles is, I believe, going to make the effort to induce the President to allow the BCK scheme and thereby to bring an end to the "ransom" demands.

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Je prie Dicu Tout-puissant pour que l'en finisse par réaliser que Clémard, en ton patriote haîtien, a ou foi en con pays et n'u pas eu ben d'expatrier, comme plus d'un l'e fait, le fruit de ses durs labours et de son intelligence productive.

Je me proposais d'écrire personnellement à Son Excollence le Président à Vie d'Eaiti, pour implorer ca elémence et ca générosité pour un emi qui nous est cher. Je me suis alors écmendé si c'était là un geste segs qui pourrait avoir la vertu de l'épargner et, dans le doute, j'ai préférer m'abstenir.

Four revenir maintenant aux possibilités de Malisor au moins partiellement, la voleur exigée, je dois te dire que je auis houroux de savoir que tu détiens une produration générale en bonne et due forme t'habilitant à ratifier tout ce que nous pourrions entreprendre à cotte fin.

Sépartment, par cotte mime voie, je te communiquerai toutes les formalités à remplir pour nous mottre en mesure de réaliser dans un délai raisemable au moins le tiers de la somme réclamée. Il scrait souhaitable que tu sois mise en mesure de venir ici à lieu York, ce qui faciliterait becuecup les choses, mais dans l'impossibilité d'une paroille alternative, tu devras donc agréer aux conditions stipulées. Il faudra donc agir avec dilligence pour nous permettre d'aller au plus vite.

Ha chare Sophie, je termineral cette lettre déjà longue et ardue en te renouvelent mon dévouement le plus entier à la couse de notire sui Clémard et en te prient une nouvelle fois de ne jamais douter de mes sentiments propres et coux de ma famille pour Clémard, toi et les Siens.

Affections & Gros-Miche, Marie-Claudine, Toto, Eddie et sa forme.

Bon courage!

Invariablement.

Louis A. Brun

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- 1. During the week of 27 May 1960, the Government of Haiti (60H) is reported to have carried out many executions among the prisoners held in fart bimanche prison. Classed Joseph Charles, Haitian banker, was not except times executed, because his life was spared on direct orders from Fresident Diviller.
- 2. The Cull is becoming more invisions than ever that Charles produce the ranson of Ukt05 thousand, which it has set as the price for his relates. Charles now some to feel that if he does not produce the roney, he will be executed. During May 1960, he gave to his wife, brights Uchte Limitson Charles, a general power of attorney. This power of attorney gives to Mas Charles the right to function as her husband's alter ego and sell or otherwise dispose of any or all of his assets.
- 3. Charles still has the US\$100 thousand in cash in New York City banks / Collector's Note: New reference, Paragraph Pour. His boldings in GuH bonds total US\$100 thousand /Collector's Note: See reference, Paragraph Two/. These bonds are guaranteed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). New Charles is now endeavoring to collect the US\$100 thousand cash and to pledge as colleteral the US\$100 thousand in GuH bonds, in the hope that the GuH will accept as payment of the US\$105 thousand remson whatever she is able to realize from the bonds plus the total of the cash. She hopes to place this sum in the reorganized Banque Commercials d'Maiti (BCH) / Collector's Note: See reference, Paragraph Two/ and hopes that the GUH will accept that as the payment of the ranson.
  - 4. Charles is not being treated as well in Fort Dimenche

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as he had been before his release in late April 1966. The Port Disameter sufficients for refuse to accept food and cluthing parents sent to therefore from the outside. In consequence, he is still yearing the elethes in which he was rearrested in they look and is committed to subsist sulely us the regular prince sents. During his previous in correstation he was partitled to receive found and cluthing from the outside and lived not two hadly.

5. The following individual is a good friend of Charles.

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Collector's Bote: Source did not voluntee: Debinar's postal address; we did not judge it suitable to press him for it. We do not know the significance of the number listed above. We copied the above uses and address from an envelope addressed by him Charles to Debinar. Debinar is a fivial citizen who come a fleet of carro shipe. Votil about 1961 or 1968 he had a contract with the CUM, under the provisions of which he sailed his shipe under the Haitian flag. The GON ultimately canceled the contract, because, I understand, Debinar failed to pay the regulates called for under the terms of the contract. Debinar is opposed to President Duvalier, because the latter canceled the contract just discussed, but is (or was) interested in developing projects (no additional data available) in Haiti. The letter which, has Charles has just addressed to Debinar contains an urgant appeal for financial assistance.

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- L. The Coverment of Eniti (COH) has issued claims that the inveders of 30 May 60 have been viped out and that total victory against them has been achieved. A special Thankagiving mass was colsbrated recently in Fort-au-Prince to commonrate and colsbrate the event. On the surface, things are politically cuict.
- io realition mean, however, to differ to a marked degree from the foregoing. Although the populace has remined quiet, it form not believe the GUE claims of total victory. In point of fact, the invaders have not been viped out and they have sucd in gaining of control of the small torn of Quartier North and of the Citadelle Laferriere (both situated near Cap Haitien). The CCI has decided not to begin military operations against thom, but to adopt a definative attitude and wait and see what appens. The CCH realises that to dialocal the rebals from the citadel, which is located in very rugged terrain, would be entremely difficult militarily and would be quite imadricable alitically, because the citadel has strong contional historical associations for Haitians. To borbard it into rubble, which would be the only feasible way to recepture it, would create resembers among the populace. Accordingly, the COH was pregared to do nothing, in the hope that the rebels will face every. Such an eventuality seems unlikely, however, becourse the inveders have not only succeeded in gaining control of the two above-mentioned places, but also have succeeded in rallying about 140 of the local populace to their side. Reports in the US Spanish-language press of 12 Jun 68 stated that the robel force is now 300 strong and that 140 of these are local people who have rallied to them. My information corroboretes those figures. The populace in Port-su-Prince expects further action from the rebels. The latest runor: (and the word "runors" must be emphasized) in Port-au-Prince are that another invasion vill be launched into southern limit; this time, and that Cube has infiltrated a number of illegal entrante

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into Baiti (not into the present rebel force). I have no way of knowing whether or not there is any substance to these resorm.

- J. The latest invasion was lausched from Images Island, Rebern Islands. The enjoy of Cap Haitien west personally to Fort-on-Prince to ask for troops to defend his area. He received none. The invaders themselves and Haitian exiles in general are now all very optimistic, after having been quite depressed et the beginning of the invasion.
- 4. The GOH, which seems to be about to sit tight and swait further action by the rebals, has not been idle in dealing with the local population. During the week of 27 May 3, many people (no additional data available) were arrested. And the COH has executed about 100 of the prisoners hald in Fort Diamete prison. The well-known banker, Clemard Joseph Charles, was not, however, among those executed. His life was special on specific instructions from Freezident Davalier.
- 5. During the recent debate in the United Hations Security Council concerning the Enitian complaint about the invasion, Haitian exhausder AlexanderConhome stated that Jean Theory, Enitian diplomat, had been killed by the invaders. This is not true. Theory was, in fact, killed by GOH troops. He had gone to Cap Haitian to make some eart of survey designed to put a sugar mill there into verting order.
- 6. There are a number of Syrians in Exiti. These individuals are tensitive to the directions in which political winds are blowing. I learned that one of these Syrian businessessa is, for the first time, considerably vortical about the orderse of the immedia. Provious invasions keve left his totally unperturbed. How, however, he is veryied, because he has for some years done business with the GOE and fours reprisals at the basis of a new government.

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O Washingtonian Howard L. Burris Begged to Accept Chairmanship of Commercial Bank of Haiti

REFERENCE: Especially VAS-602-67, dated 5 September 1967; but also VAS-787-64 dated 21 December 1967.

21 May 1968 received a telephone communication from Howard Land 1725 K Street, N.V., Washington, D.C., a wealthy Texas oil associative engaged primarily in real estate development in this area. Considerable background is afforded in the memoranda under reference but, briefly, Burris (Colonel, UEAF retired) is a former chief of Air Force Foreign Lisison and later was attached to the White House Staff, prior to his retirement a few years ago. His social contacts in Washington at present reach well into both Kennedy and (President) Johnson circles. The US citizen of Haitian origin mentioned below is the same as that referred to in the earlier memorandum under reference. He is said to travel "freely" between his home in New York City and Fort am Prince.

2. Burris recently had a visit from Louis A/Brum of B. & B.

International Corporation, 134 Fifth Avenue, New York City, a US
edition of Haitimn origin whom he has known for several years. Brum POS/14A/77
because a letter from Clemand Joseph Charles dated 6 May 1968 in Port

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em Prince. A copy is attached but in essence it says he, Charles, was
illegally imprisoned for ten months but now is velocated. As President
ed the Commercial Bank of Haiti in Port on Prince, Charles professes
great interest in the patriotic duty of developing his country economically. He states that the bearer, Mr. Brum, in charged with presenting
meally a proposition from him, Charles. He also saked Burris to deliver
a letter addressed to Vice President Hamphrey. (Burris declined and

3. About a year ago Brun syprosched Burris in Charles' behalf, unging Burris to buy at a low price, stock in the Commercial Bank of Baiti, and to accept a directorably if not the Chairmanahip of the Based. On this lettest visit Brun sypertuned Burris to buy 50 to 51 percent of the stock at a "seminal fee, probably US\$1.00 and other considerations" and definitely to accept the Chairmanahip. Burris is set interested

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became he thinks this would be merely an opening gambit to attract investment funds from Burris' contacts. Moreover, he is not sanguine about the prospects in Haiti at present, to use understatement. However, Cakley has reason to believe that Burris might be cooperative should it suit official purposes to have him become involved. This aspect was not discussed in the least.

4. Buris says that Brum and Charles are somehow involved with the Bank of Hove Scotia which apparently operates in Exiti. Moreover, the two banks are offering participation in some hind of concession which they have, or hope to obtain, involving mineral rights throughcus Exiti. Eneris (and Cabley) are not overly impressed that this consists of more than the usual promotional effort.

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BANGUE COMMERCIALE D'HAITI

L. Grindens

Port-en-Primos, le 6 Mai 1968.

Chor Monalour Darrio,

Pour avoir compris que la fuiblesse de l'Bouncaie Enitienmb réside dans l'inutilisation des forces de travail du pays, j'ai
aréé une Institution dynamique qu'est la Banque Commerciale d'Haiti,
génératrice de nouveaux standards économiques et qui doit engendrer
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enouse vivant et, je profite de la viste de notre au commu Louis A.

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permis de faire école et cette nouvelle génération polico-économique
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ple.

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To vous souhaite la santé et le bonhour pour vous et pour vous et pour vous et pour vous en pour famille et le succès dans vos entreprises.

posterur sentiments et reconssissants.

Climard JUSEPH CRARIES.

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WHICH BRUN WILL TAKE DRYER TO THE AIRPORT. DRYER IS TO PLY YO BRUN SAID THAT DRYER IS A PRIEND OF THE PANILY OF JOSEPH P. KENNEDY. WE PROINSHT IN THE NAME OF MYE. SAINTvictor. Secretary to president divaliep, which we reported as having BEEN IN HIAMI SINCE 9 MAY 1968. IT NOW DEVELOPS THAT IT IS MP. BAINT-VICTOR (NOT MNE.) WHO HAS BEEN IN MIANI SINCE 9 MAY 1968. SAINT-VICTOR, WHO IS OPTEN EMPLOYED BY PRESIDENT DIVALIER ON COMPIDENTIAL BUSINESS AND WHO CONTROLS THE MAITIAN PHILATELIC CORPORATION (WHICH ISSUES HAITIAN STAMPS), HAS ACTED AS THE INTERNEDIARY BETWEEN PRESIDENT DIVALIER AND CHARLES AND HIS WIFE. HE REPORTEDLY VISITED CHARLES WHILE THE LATTEP WAS IN FORT DIMANCHE AND DELIVERED TO HIM THE COMPLITIONS INDER WHICH HE WOILD BE SET FREE (I.E.: THE USS603,000). ARIVE OPINED THAT THE REASON FOR SAINT-VICTOR'S PRESENCE IN MIAMI HIGHT POSSIBLY BE TO OBTAIN SOME OR ALL OF THE USS685, GOS, FROM SOMEBODY THERE. hev subject: Brin also knows a reputed multifillionaire named johr-BOLTEN AND INTRODUCED HIM, VIA CAPLE APPOINTMENT, TO LOUIS LEVEQUE. BOLTEN IS REPORTEDLY A NATURALIZED US CITIZEN OF EITHER GERMAN OR AUSTRIAN BIRTH AND IS NOTED FOR HIS PHILANTHROPIC INTERESTS.

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SAID THAT HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE REPORTED OF MAY 1968 INVASION OF MAITE BY EXILES IS THE WOOK OF THE MAITIAN COALITION ME TOLD US THAT HE IS A GOOD PRIEND AND CONTACT OF RAYHOUD JOSEPH, REMERAL SECRETARY OF THE HAITIAN COALITION IN MEW TOPK AND THAT JOSEPH TOLD HIM THAT THE HAITIAN COALITION IS sponsored in Every vay by the cia. Brun said that when he heard about the reported invasion he called Joseph and Asked him whether OR NOT THE REPORT WAS TRUE. JOSEPH PIRST DENIED IT, BUT LATER CAT AROUT 113P HOURS) CALLED THUN BACK AND TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD CHECKED WITH HIS PATRONS IN WASHINGTON. THE PATRONS TOLD HIM THAT THE INVASION STORY IS TRUE, BUT THAT THE INVASION WAS LAUNCHED NOT From Circa. But from "Some other Place". From Told us that Joseph DID NOT IDENTIFY THE "OTHER PLACE". BASING HIS BELIEF UPON JOSEPH'S BENAVIOR AND ANSWERS, BRUN IS CONVINCED THAT THE INVASION HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY CIA. LOCAL NEWS MEDIA REPORT THAT A R-02 PLANE DROPPED EITHER THREE ON FIVE BOMBS ON PORT-Allkom Prince. One fell near the palace, one in the city and one at the AIRPORT (NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OTHER TWO). BUT ONLY ONE

EXPLODED. WO CASUALTIES WERE SUFFERED BY THE HAITIANS. JOSEPH
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CONTROL. BRUN TELEPHONED PAN AMERICAN AND WAS TOLD THAT DEPARTURES

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AND ARRIVALS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE ARE PROCEEDING NORMALLY.

FILE: LOUIS A. BRUN, PRESIDENT

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- Clemard Joseph Charles was rearrested at 1600 hours 11 May 68.
   His present whereabouts are not known to me.
- 2. It became clear, during the period between 3 May 68 and 16 May 68 that Charles would not be able to raise the ranson sum of 183605 thousand. His release from prison, which took place on 25 Apr 68, was apparently contingent on his ability to produce that sum. Collector's Note: Soc Immediately lowing his release, Charles attempted to interest foreign Immediately folinvestors in subscribing to a fund of US\$605 thousand. This sum was to be placed in a reorganised Banque Commerciale d'Haiti, formerly Charles' private preserve, and used to pay off depositors and to stimulate investment in Haitian enterprises. Charles soon learned, however, that the present political and particularly the present economic conditions in Haiti were such as to discourage foreign investors from risking their money there. Mobody would invest US dollars. Mobody wants gourds. Mobody is interested in investing in a bankrupt country. Even Charles' reported willingness to pledge as collateral his extensive holdings in Eaiti (essentis) oils and various other business entermrises, land, buildings and mitian government bonds) failed to change the negative opinions of those approached as possible investors.
  - 3. Charles holds a receipt from the Banque Mationale de la Frontlique d'Haiti (BERH) in the amount of US\$300 thousand deted 1956, and claims from the BERH another personal credit of US\$100 thousand, dated 1963. He does not, however, hold a copy of any receipt for the latter sum. Charles apparently cannot utilize these sums, or his credit for them, to pay off the UB\$605 thousand ransom.
  - 4. Charles' current visible each assets consist of US\$100 thousand, deposited in the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company and the First Estimal City Each, both of New York City. He originally had US\$110 thousand in these two banks. When he was first

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imprisoned in 1967, the Haitian authorities (no additional data evailable) compelled him to sign a number of clank checks of these two banks. The authorities then cashed a check for US\$10 thousand, which the bank honored. When the Haitian authorities next presented filled-in checks, however, the bank refused payment, because it knew of his arrest and refused to balleve that he had signed a check after his arrest. The Haitian authorities then abandoned their attempts to lay their hands on the rest of the money.

- 5. It is possible that President Duvalier might settle with Charles for the US\$100 thousand on deposit in New York, when, as and if he finally realizes that Charles is not able to raise the original US\$605 thousand descended. On the other hand, it is entirely possible that Charles has other funds secretly deposited outside of Haiti. It must be recalled that he acted for some time as courier for President Duvalier, periodically took money for the President to Switzerland and deposited it there for him. Charles may therefore have utilized the opportunity to deposit some of his own money outside of Haiti.
- 6. If Charles did in fact deposit money of his own in Britaerland or some other locality outside of Laiti, President Envalier may know or suspect that he has done so. He definitely does know about Charles' UG4100 thousand in How York. Accordingly, Charles' 11 May 60 rearrest may be the preliminary to renewed pressure to induce Charles to part with his New York money and/or the funds which he may have secreted electhers outside of Halti.

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#### MENORARDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Cleard Joseph-Charles - Plans for Payment of Ranson

- 1. (DCS) called today to give WH/7/Hmiti advance notice of a report his office has received relative to the release from prison of Clemard Joseph-Charles.
- 2. Louis BRUH, who is the business representative of CHARLES in New York, has been urgently requested to come to Port au Prince. The request came to BRUM from one Edmond VILAIRE who, BRUM asserts, represents CHARLES in Haiti. BRUM plans to leave New York on 2 or 3 May and return on 6 May.
- 3. According to ERUN, CHARLES has agreed to pay \$605,000 to the Duvalier Government for his release from prison. BRUN claims not to know where the money is located but suspects that it may be in Europe. He further suspects that he will be saked to act as courier.
- 4. ERUM, who is a naturalised U.S. citimen, has some qualus about his own safety in Port au Prince and has naked his DCS contact in New York, Mr. Mitchell, that the Embassy in Port au Prince be advised of his arrival. He was told that he should go to the Embassy himself upon arrival and make his position known.

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Case 47,540 -/Reported Relationship Between Haitian Banker Clemard Joseph Charles and Colonel Max Dominique, Son-in-Law of Haitian President Duvalier

- 1. On 6 October 1967, Louis A. Brun, President, B & B International Corporation, 1182 Broadway, New York City, stated that Haitian banker Clemard Joseph Charles has, in fact, contrary to previous information, been in contact with Colonel Max Dominique, son-in-law of Maitian Fresident Duvalier. While from was not able to supply any details concerning this relationship, he believes that it is political in nature and possibly not unrelated to the various stories now circulating concerning plots to unsect the President.
- 2. Brum also stated that Dominique is scheduled to arrive in New York City for a visit in the near future (no additional letaile evallable).

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Dear Hiss Matlack:

May I recall the kind reception you gave me in May 1961, when I was in Manhington, also your courtesy in recommending me the Alban Towers Hotel, 3700 Massachusetts Avenue, where I lodged in Room 522. You will remember the conversation I had with you regarding the future of my country, and the hope I expressed that the assistance of the U.S. would not fail us.

order that Haiti may be relieved from the tyranny and misery in which has been inconsiderately thrown, and have succeeded in securing the sympathy and support of a great majority of the populations all over the Republic, including religious people, businessmen, professionals, intellectuals, etc. A plan has been prepared and will be executed by a Military man who has with him most of the officers in the Army. These people are ready and eager to begin operations and are only awaiting word from me.

I would have already given them erder to strike, through the Chief who is the only one in contact with me, were it not for my apprehension that the turmoil that will necessarily follow might serve Castro's plan to introduce communist agitators in the country. I also have reason to wonder about Balaguer's position on account of his friendly feelings for Davalier. Therefore, before going any further, I feel that it would be wise for me to have the U.S. accurance that these two forces will be preparly neutralized, and I am requesting your kind seeperation so that this assurance may be given to me.

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I have requested my friend and assuctions this letter over to you, also to give you all the demandable that it would not be proper for me to write. You may feel free to talk at length with Mr. Brun on all to give him any reply you may have for me, which he shortly.

Permit me to thank you in advange and to assure you that your cooperation will ever live

Respectfully yours,

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The following is by humble appraisal of the political situation now prevailing in Haiti.

As I repeatedly stated to anyone who may have asked me, my motivations are purely patriotic while I am also moved by a sincere desire to see Maiti emerge as a democratic independent nation friendly to the United States.

Since I left Haiti with my family ten years ago to later become on American citizen, I have made several trips to Haiti and have maintained close contacts with people in all walks of life both in Haiti and with those who were forced out of the country for political reasons or otherwise.

My latest visit to Haiti took place on June 5th of this year and I stayed two days in Port-au-Prince. Although the purpose of my trips were mostly business I also had the opportunity to discuss the Haitian political situation with politicians, as well as with average Haitian citizens concerned with the situation. My personal conclusions are as follows:

The fact is that the Duvalier regime is, at present, in a state of internal political confusion in which no one directly or indirectly connected with it can predict the outcome. There is strong evidence showing that his son-in-law, Colonel Max Dominique, has in fact tried to overthrow Duvalier in order to personally assume the direction of Haiti's political affairs. How Duvalier became aware of Colonel Dominique's intentions is the question everybody is trying to find the answer to. Nevertheless, Duvalier rounded up the alledged associates of Colonel Dominique and, after a mock court martial accusing and convincing 19 young army efficient of treason they were all killed by a firing squad on June 8, 1967 at Fort Dimanche on the outskirts of Fort-au-Prince. Duvalier himself was present at the slaughter and he ordered Col. Dominique to be a member of the firing squad. Non-confirmed information from usually reliable sources

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indicates that several other persons, low randing military personnel, militia men and civilians were also executed or mimilar charges, without funfare. It is also the general concensus of opinion that the "purge" will continue at a rate that no one can yet determine.

A No one ignores that there has been and still are very hostile feelings between two groups within the President's family and close associates. One is headed by Colonel Dominique and his wife Marie-Denise Duvalier. and another is led by Mrs. Yvon St. Victor, the President's private secretary and confidente. The names of the President's wife, Simone, his son Jean-Claude and his younger daughter Simone, are being mentioned as being part of the first group. In the second group, Mrs. St. Victor's brother, the present Head of the Department of Tourism, Mr. Luc-Albert Foucard, who is also married to one of the President's daughter, is among other names such as Henri Siclait, head of the Regie, Minister Lebert Jn. Pierre, etc. mentioned to be siding with Mrs. St. Victor. So far, the President has shown signs that he favors the latter froup. The ramifications of both groups extend to people who were considered the most fanatic supporters of Duvalier himself. The fact is that none of the remaining so-called strong men of Duvalier in the militia, the Tonton Macoutes or the Army know for sure how the president feels towards them and are very much concerned about their own future and survival. In other words, confusion and insecurity are wide spread amongst Duvalier's followers.

I believe that in spite of the actual confusion and sense of insecurity prevailing in government circles, there is no real organized opposition as such against Duvalier at this moment, except for what I will point outlater in this paper.

There is, however, strong anti-Luvalier feelings in the middle and upper classes of Haiti, representing only a small percentage of the whole population. A segment of the population to be taken into very serious consideration is the one made up of the people living in the slum areas,

both within and on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince. These people to be differentiated with the rural peacants, live in abject poverty with no established means of subsistance, and represent the most volatile and dangerous political force to be watched closely in the event of any significant development of the political and social situation. These people which formed, in 1956 and 1957, the core of former president Dariel Figuole's followers, can be saung to any movement and play a decisive tale in the confusion that may arise in the event of a coup. We are convinced that these people will velocate a change should any demagogue lead them to believe that they will benefit by such a change.

I am informed that in Port-au-Prince there are some political personalities, in and out of the Government, that are waiting for an opportunity to swing that sector in their favor, whenever a perious attempt to overthrow Davalier is made, whether by them or anyone clse.

Under those circumstances, Duvalier loosing his old grip on key. elements committed to his support, a large portion of which he has recently liquidated, is trying to instore a new political philosophy reaching out for elements of the middle class a. well as those of the slum areas mentioned above. . I have a feeling that the new philosophy is aimed at antagonizing the U.S. Government for its hands-off policies and the economic squeeze applied by the U.S. against his government. This antagonism will go as far as necessary even to an almost impossible alliance with communist countries such as Cuba or other communist nations of Europe, Africa or Asia. As evidence of that direction in Duvalier's Government, he has allowed the so-called "Little Red Book" of Chairman Mao-Tse-Tung of Communist China to circulate freely in Haiti, whereas previously the same book was banned and seized in local librairies and newestands in Haiti. Several articles appearing in local Haitian nowspapers have lately referred with much emphasis to the "Cultural Revolution" of Davalier which has yet to take place. The appointment in his newly formed cabinet of three Blanchet brothers, all well-known communist sympathizure, is also an indication of his subtle shift towards a

radically leftist oriented Government. If allowed time, Davalier may well succeed to turn the country into a new communist satellite and work out some agreements with communist countries. Here again, we should not fail to mention the new exchange of diplomatic representations between Haiti and some communist countries. The most significant one is the new appointment in Haiti of an Ambassador from Poland with whom, I was told, Duvalier is closely working with.

Taking everything into consideration:

- 1. The non existence of any organized opposition in Main;
- 2. The state of non cohesiveness and distrust amongst the extled political elements abroad, therefore nullifying any positive action from outside Haiti;
- 5. The fear of local politicians that, if outside forces were to come in, their safety and security would be very much at stake, therefore they should resist such intervention and do whatever is necessary to prevent it at all cost;
- 4. The fear of Duvalier's so-called followers that they may be eliminated upon mere suspicion, just or unjust denonciations;
- 5. The middle and upper classes sentiment that the U.S. is not working as it should to bring about the downfall of Duvalier and that the U.S. is even supporting the regime intentionally or unintentionally by not encouraging or allowing the opposition to organize itself:
- 6. The interpretation of the above classes which are at a loss to understand the silence of the U.S. press in general for not having raised the usual indignation about the recent mass killings, therefore making room for the belief of a possible collusion by means of money or otherwise of Duvalier with said press, particularly the New York Times, to retrain from bringing these facts to the attention of international public opinion;
- 7. The strong belief that compromises have been worked out with President Balaquer in the Dominican Appublic to return to Haiti all opponents of Duvalier who had fled there

all this leads to believe that Duvalier will hold in power for quite a while more.

It would be childish, however, to formulate an opinion only on the basis of the mentioned facts, although on the surface, they appear logical enough to confirm these conclusions.

I am convenced in my own mind, that when some politicians close to Duvalier will feel that their lives are in real danger, some of them will successfully attempt to eliminate him even though they may not be. themselves, in a position to control the chaotic situation that will necessarily follow. This is where the real danger is. If any such unplanned action was allowed to take place, the U.S. will then find itself with a real "hot potato", requiring such drastic action similar to those takin in 1965 during the recent crisis in the Dominican Republic. Such actions are not to be desired, not only because they are costly to the American taxpayers, but because they inevitably provoke strong anti-American feelings based on the opinion that the U.S. aid nothing to help bring about the collapse, but is merely there to impose its choice and decisions against the will of the people. If the U.S. is to wait for the OAS to decide on joint action in the eventuality of chaos, we are afraid. that communist influence and even control of the situation by forces based in Cuba and other countries, will make it much more difficult to cope with within the context of our national security. It is, therefore, imperative, in our opinion, that the U.S. take some steps towards working with local politicians to take the initiative of a coup which, when performed, would receive the strong backing of this country, militarily, financially and otherwise, to secure an orderly succession of the present regime. As far as Haiti is concerned, I feel that I have the most adequate solution for the proposed action. I feel that whenever the security of this nation or any nation is concerned, there is no time for wait-and-see considerations. In the case of Haiti, in particular, where the political scene is really deprived of individuals of strong convictions, one way or the other, we feel that the U.S. should not have any problem in finding someone that they can build politically and work with in a sincere and loyal effort to help that small nation solve some of its perennial problems. In connection with the possibility of finding a political leader, as indicated above, I must say that I have been in contact with a man whom, I feel, could very well and I the position. His name is Clémard Joseph Charles, President of Bar te Commerciale d'Haiti, President of Haiti's Chamber of Commerce, a Livector of several other business and industrial organizations in Haiti.

I have known Mr. Charles since 1951. We have been friends and business associates eversince. To me, Mr. Charles is a true and sincere patriot. Of course, today, a number of people question his patriotism on the basis of his close cooperation with the Duvalier regime. I have myself, sometimes, felt that he went too far. I have also told him so, many times. His answers on such occasions have, most of the time, satisfy my own judgement. In fact, Mr. Charles told me that, knowing Duvalier, as he knows him, it would have been a question of life or death if he were to behave in a different manner. What would his death serve if he had taken a position of non-compromise? He feels that in order to be able to control the situation and outlive Duvalier, it was better to be "in" than "out" or to put it another way to be alive than dead. I can say that on several occasions, was it not for Mr. Charles' influence on Duvalier, this latter would have done more harm to the poor pelple of Haiti, in general, than he has done so far.

I have always maintained a dialogue with Mr. Charles and passed on to him as much as possible the judgements of Haitians and others with whom he had no direct contact. I must say that I have always find him receptive to their opinions.

Eversince I have known Mr. Charles, he has always told me of his ambitions and determination to be a great Haitian. He asked me to never let him down and to stay with him to help him carry out his dream. Though it has cost me some of my friends, I have extended to him everything that I could possibly offer to help him reach his goals.

Unlike the majority of Haitian politicians, Mr. Charles has an unsurmontable faith in the future of his country. He feels that if Haiti, under Duvalier, has considerably regressed in every way, the time will come where, like a miracle, the country will again take its course forward to join the other progressive nations of this hemisphere. Unlike those politicians who have seen their prominent positions as a temporaty state of affairs with absolutely no future beyond Davalier, Mr. Charles has practically invested in Maiti almost all the wealth that he has accumulated before and during Davalier's reign through genuine efforts and self-discipline. Of course, I will admit that his wealth would not have increased in its present proportion if it was not for Davalier's favors to him. But who else under the previous regimes who were in the same position have genuinely directed their efforts in using their gains for the betterment of the people? I have always find that Mr. Charles took very much satisfaction in giving employment and assistance to as many people as he possibly could. As a matter of fact this is one of his biggest assets in his present struggle.

Mr. Charles is not a demagogue. He believes in the realities of the modern world. He realizes that without the assistance of the U.S., progress is impossible for Haiti. He sincerely believes in the spirit of the Alliance for Progress. Having traveled extensively, he is fully aware of the tragic state of stagnation in which his country is in. He deeply wishes to see Haiti make some progress in the fields of human dignity, education, technology and above all. Freedom.

All that I have said so far are my own personal opinion and also the opinion of a large number of people in and out of Haiti. If some defer in their evaluation of Mr. Charles, it is their privilege and undeniable rights.

Now, if we are to take for granted my opinions, what does Mr. Charles have to offer to the U.S. to prevent the chaos that will necessarily fallow Duvalier's downfall? First of all, Mr. Charles is at present ready and willing to provoke the desired collapse of Duvalier's regime. This, he assured me, he can do without any outside assistance. I am personally aware of certain confidential dispositions taken by him to assure the success of a coup if and when he decides to make it. Why does

not he go shead and make it, you may ask? His reply is that should he make it, what assurances does he have that his action will satisfy the U.S. As I stated before, Mr. Charles feels that without United States backing, no government can possibly exist in Haiti except under the very same conditions of Duvalier's Government. There would be no reason to precipitate a change if Haiti were to remain under a tyranical dictatorship like Duvalier's.

bhat Mr. Charles is asking as a prerequisite of any action to be sponsored or initiated by him is the assurance from a person of established authority in the U.S. Government that the United States will support the provisional government that will necessarily have to assure power after Duvalier.

The dispositions taken by Mr. Charles are that a military coup by a Junta will take over and stay in power until free elections are held. The members of that military junta have been already selected by Mr. Charles, who has their commitments to that effect. Mr. Charles believe that if free elections are held he should not have any great difficulty in selling his plans and programs to the people and therefore be elected the next president of Haiti. In my opinion, Mr. Charles is not asking too much. Should the United States consent to his request in the form mentioned above, I feel that the Haitian situation, long a sore note in the U.S. hemispheric relations, could be changed without risk for all parties concerned.

Why should the United States gamble on any other calculated risk,
while I feel, it can wrap up the situation safely in accord with Mr.Charles'
plans? The military junta proposed by Mr. Charles will be made up by high
ranking officers of the Haitian army loyal to him, therefore on the side
of the U.S. With U.S. assistance - it is almost impossible otherwise - the
steps proposed by Mr. Charles after the junta will take over are as follows:

- 1. Disarm the Militia and the Tonton Macoutes immediately;
- 2. Reorganize the Army and the Covernment services;
- based in Cuba or elsewhere;

- 4. Prevent the return to the Emitian political scene of such "rabble-rouser" so-called leaders as Daniel Fignole and Henri Vixamar;
- 5. Start the ground work for free elections as soon as possible. Wr. Charles feels that although it will probably be impossible to prevent acts of reprisals during the first 72 hours of the military take over, strong efforts should be made to avoid unnecessary bloodshed.

Nr. Charles, in my opinion, is one of the few individuals around whom a reconciliation of all the social divisions and subdivisions of the Baitian family can be achieved. I will mention some of the basic reasons behind this opinion:

- 1. He is of modest rural extraction, therefore is what is called in Haiti a "son of the masses";
- 2. He is black, therefore representing the vast majority of the Haitian people who, at this point, considers the light-skin Maitian as a threat for the return of the domination of the mulatto minority;
- 3. He is deprived of the prejudice of color, therefore the mulatto minority will find in him a certain feeling of security and can be assured that it will not be persecuted solely on the basis of the color of their skins;
- 4. He is wealthy, therefore credited for not ambitioning power for mere personal gains;
- 5. He is known to be a hard, intelligent industrialist and administrator capable of promoting and encouraging the establishment of new, business and industries in Maiti;
- 6. He has shown respect for certain moral values such as the undeniable right of the individual to live without fear within the framework of the laws of the land;
- 7. He is a Reman Catholic who professes to have nothing to do with "Voodoo" as a religion or a cult and who has given all the other religious denominations functioning in Haiti all the evidence of his encouragement and support for their pastoral activities;

- 8. Being a businessman in his own right, the business community with which he has dealt through the Chamber of Commerce and his bank will always have a dialogue with him and therefore will find him receptive to their suggestions and endeavours;
- 9. Having dealt with elements of the actual regime who have his confidence, he will be able to control them in a way which will avoid unnecessary hardships should someone else a complete stranger to them be in a position of Government leadership;
- 10. He is known to be strongly anti-communist and pro-American, therefore opening the door to close cooperation with the United States, under the doctrine of the Alliance for Progress, to promote better understanding and opportunities for the Haitian people with the help of the United States;
- 11. He will welcome the return of all Haitian exiles to take their place anew within the Haitian community and to work with him to the task of making the country a safer and better place to live;
- 12. He does not contemplate any reprisals or even sanctions against anybody for their past political affiliations, his efforts to be mainly directed not to solve the errors of the past, but to provide a better present and future for those who want to live in Haiti.

The task, if and when he succeeds to gain power, will not be an easy one. I am sure, however, that Mr. Charles will be able to find the cupport of enough honest and patriotic Haitians to help him carry out his dream of building up a better Faiti.

Mr. Charles' past affiliation with the Duvalier regime should not, therefore, be held against him. As a matter of fact, this affiliation may give him the foresight that he should do his utmost not to repeat the same mistakes.

In conclusion, I feel that the U.S. Government, through its qualified Agencies, should give Mr. Charles' offer to toppie the Duvalier regime, all the required careful consideration and make a decision as fast as possible.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

June 29, 1967 3:30 p.m.

ARA/CAR - Edward T. Long

Plot of Clemard Charles to Overthrow Duvalier

At the suggestion of Mr. Bowdler, Howard L. Burris, 1725 K St., N.W., a Washington businessman who served in the past as an assistant military side to the President, telephoned this morning and asked me to meet Mr. Louis A. Brun at Mr. Burris' office. This I did this afternoon.

Mr. Brun, a nationalized American, owns and operates the B & B International Corporation, 1182 Broadway, New York. A native-born Haitian, he has lived in the States since 1957. He is a close friend and confident of Clemard Joseph Charles, a Haitian banker who has been deeply involved with the Duvalier government. Charles has fallen in disfavor with Duvalier and several of his government concessions have been cancelled. Charles is actively plotting the overthrow of Duvalier and, according to Brun who saw Charles in Port au Prince June 5-7, has 167 military and civilians ready to move with him. Home of this group was represented by the 19 officers who were recently executed or the 80 some Haitiens who are extently in diplomatic asylum.

In the past, Charles has made efforts himself and through Brun to get the U.S. Government to commit itself in fever of the overthrow of Duvalier but until recently all of these approaches were rebuffed, U.S. officials having stated U.S. policy was such that no plot of this nature could be supported. Brun showed me a letter he had just received from Charles written on June 23 stating in a commercial language code which Brun and Charles use in their correspondence that an American official last week had met with Charles in Fort-su-Prince and that Charles was most pleased with the meeting. The implication was that this American had indicated to Charles that the U.S. Government favored the pletting. I flatly told Brun that the U.S. was not interested

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in supporting plotting of this nature, that our policy had not changed, and that he should know this categorically. Brun smilingly accepted this statement, but obviously considered the "approach" in Port-au-Prince was more important than my exposition of U.S. policy.

Brun said he was in regular contact with Major James Balog who, he described, as an intelligence officer from the Pentagon. He said that he, Brun, had written a report on his opinion re things Haitian and had given one copy to Major Balog and one to Mr. Burris. He then handed me a copy which is attached. This report is basically a plea for U.S. prior indication to Charles that the U.S. would support any Charles-formed provisional government created following the overthrow of Duvalier.

I closed the half hour meeting with Brun insisting again that he should clearly understand the U.S. Government was not interested in becoming involved in this sort of an operation.

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- 4. BRUM BELIEVES THAT PAPA DUVALIER "DOES NOT DARE TO KILL CHARLES WHO HAS MANY FOLLOWERS IN MAIT!" (SEE BRUM'S 18-PAGE MEMO MEMO POUCHED ON 27 JUN. THIS CASE).
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3. PLOTS SUCH AS CHARLES WAS ENGAGED IN WILL

NOT SUCCEED. DUVALIER HAS SO ORGANIZED THE GOVERNMENT

THAT THE OLD WAYS OF OVERTHROWING A REGIME ARE DENIED

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The following is my humble appraisal of the political situation now prevailing in Haiti.

As I repeatedly stated to enjoye who may have asked me, my motivations are purely patriotic while I am also moved by a sincere desire to see Maiti emerge as a democratic independent nation friendly to the United States.

Since I left Haiti with my family ten years ago to later become an American citizen, I have made several trips to Haiti and have maintained close contacts with people in all walks of life both in Haiti and with those who were forced out of the country for political reasons or otherwise.

My latest visit to Haiti took place on June 5th of this year and I stayed two days in Port-au-Prince. Although the purpose of my trips were mostly business I also had the opportunity to discuss the Haitian political situation with politicians, as well as with average Haitian citizens concerned with the situation. My personal conclusions are as follows:

The fact is that the Duvalier regime is, at present, in a state of internal political confusion in which no one directly or indirectly connected with it can predict the outcome. There is strong evidence showing that his son-in-law, Colonel Max Dominique, has in fact tried to overthrow Duvalier in order to personally assume the direction of Haiti's political affairs. Now Duvalier became aware of Colonel Dominique's intentions is the question everybody is trying to find the answer to. Nevertheless, Duvalier rounded up the alledged associates of Colonel Dominique and, after a mock court martial accusing and convincing 19 young army officers of treason they were all killed by a firing squad on June 8, 1967 at Fort Dimanche on the outskirts of Fort-au-Prince. Duvalier himself was present at the slaughter and he ordered Col. Dominique to be a member of the firing squad. Non-confirmed information from usually reliable sources

indicates that several other persons, low ranking military personnel, militia men and civilians were also executed on similar charges, without fanfare. It is also the general concensus of opinion that the "purge" will continue at a rate that no one can yet determine.

... No one ignores that there has been and still are very hostile feelings between two groups within the President's family and close associates. One is headed by Colonel Dominique and his wife Marie-Denise Duvalier. and another is led by Mrs. Yvon St. Victor, the President's private seerctary and confidente. The names of the President's wife, Simone, his son Jean-Claude and his younger daughter Simone, are being mentioned as being part of the first group. In the second group, Mrs. St. Victor's brother, the present Head of the Department of Tourism, Mr. Luc-Albert Foucard, who is also married to one of the President's daughter, is among other names such as Henri Siclait, head of the Regie, Minister Lebert Jn. Pierre, etc. mentioned to be siding with Mrs. St. Victor. So far, the President has shown signs that he favors the latter group. The ramifications of both groups extend to people who were considered the most fanatic supporters of Duvalier himself. The fact is that none of the remaining so-called strong men of Duvalier in the militia, the Tonton Macoutes or the Army know for sure how the president feels towards them and are very much concerned about their own future and survival. In other words, confusion and insecurity are wide spread amongst Duvalier's followers. And believe that in spite of the actual confusion and sense of insecurity prevailing in government circles, there is no real organized opposition as such against Duvalier at this moment, except for what I will point out later in this paper. to state to the organization by the district annequals

There is, nowever, strong anti-Duvalier feelings in the middle and upper classes of Haiti, representing only a small percentage of the whole population. A segment of the population to be taken into very serious consideration is the one made up of the people living in the slum areas,

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radically leftist oriented Government. If allowed time, Duvalier may well succeed to turn the country into a new communist satellite and work out some agreements with communist countries. Here again, we should not fail to mention the new exchange of diplomatic representations between Haiti and some communist countries. The most significant one is the new appointment in Haiti of an Ambassador from Poland with whom, I was told, Duvalier is closely working with.

Taking everything into consideration:

- 1. The non existence of any organized opposition in Haiti;
- 2. The state of non cohesiveness and distrust amongst the exiled political elements abroad, therefore nullifying any positive action from outside Haiti;
- 3. The fear of local politicians that, if outside forces were to come in, their safety and security would be very much at stake, therefore they should resist such intervention and do whatever is necessary to prevent it at all cost:
- 4. The fear of Duvalier's so-called followers that they may be eliminated upon mere suspicion, just or unjust denonciations;
- 5. The middle and upper classes sentiment that the U.S. is not working as it should to bring about the downfall of Duvalier and that the U.S. is even supporting the regime intentionally or unintentionally by not encouraging or allowing the opposition to organize itself;
- 6. The interpretation of the above classes which are at a loss to understand the silence of the U.S. press in general for not having raised the usual indignation about the recent mass killings, therefore making room for the belief of a possible collusion by means of money or otherwise of Duvalier with said press, particularly the New York Times, to refrain from bringing these facts to the attention of international public opinion;
- 7. The strong belief that compromises have been worked out with President Belaguer in the Dominican Republic to return to Haiti all opponents of Duvalier who had fled there.

all this leads to believe that Duvalier will hold in power for quite a while more.

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It would be childish, however, to formulate an opinion only on the basis of the mentioned facts, although on the surface, they appear logical enough to confirm these conclusions.

I am convenced in my own mind, that when some politicians close to Duvalier will feel that their lives are in real danger, some of them will successfully attempt to eliminate him even though they may not be. themselves, in a position to control the chaotic situation that will hecessarily follow. This is where the real danger is. If any such unplanned action was allowed to take place, the U.S. will then find itself with a real "hot potato", requiring such drastic action similar to those takin in 1965 during the recent crisis in the Dominican Republic. Such actions are not to be desired, not only because they are costly to the American taxpayers, but because they inevitably provoke strong anti-American feelings based on the opinion that the U.S. did nothing to help bring about the collapse, but is merely there to impose its choice and decisions against the will of the people. If the U.S. is to wait for the OAS to decide on joint action in the eventuality of chaos, we are afraid that communist influence and even control of the cituation by forces based in Cuba and other countries, will make it much more difficult to cope with within the context of our national security. It is, therefore, imperative, in our opinion, that the U.S. take some steps towards working with local politicians to take the initiative of a coup which, when performed, would receive the strong backing of this country, militarily, financially and otherwise, to secure an orderly succession of the present regime. As far as Haiti is concerned. I feel that I have the most adequate solution for the proposed action. I feel that whenever the security of this nation or any nation is concerned, there is no time for wait-and-see ecnsiderations. In the case of Haiti, in particular, where the political agene is really deprived of individuals of strong convictions, one way or the other, we feel that the U.S. should not have any problem in finding someone that they can build politically and work with in a sincere and loyal effort to help that small nation solve some of its perennial problems. In connection with the possibility of finding a political leader, as indicated above, I must say that I have been in contact with a man whom, I feel, could very well it I the position. His name is Clémard Joseph Charles, President of Barrie Commerciale d'Haiti, President of Haiti's Chamber of Commerce, a accetor of several other business and industrial organizations in Haiti.

I have known Mr. Charles since 1951. We have been friends and business associates eversince. To me, Mr. Charles is a true and sincere patriot. Of course, today, a number of people question his patriotism on the basis of his close cooperation with the Duvalier regime. I have myself, sometimes, felt that he went too far. I have also told him so, many times. His answers on such occasions have, most of the time, satisfy my own judgement. In fact, Mr. Charles told me that, knowing Duvalier, as he known him, it would have been a question of life or death if he were to behave in a different manner. What would his death serve if he had taken a position of non-compromise? He feels that in order to be able to control the situation and outlive Duvalier, it was better to be "in" than "out" or to put it another way to be alive than dead. I can say that on several occasions, was it not for Mr. Charles' influence on Duvalier, this latter would have done more harm to the poor pelple of Eaiti, in general, than he has done so far.

I have always maintained a dialogue with Mr. Charles and passed on to him as much as possible the judgements of Haitians and others with whom he had no direct contact. I must say that I have always find him receptive to their opinions.

Eversince I have known Mr. Charles, he has always told me of his ambitions and determination to be a great Haitian. He asked me to never let him down and to stay with him to help him carry out his dream. Though it has cost me some of my friends, I have extended to him everything that I could possibly offer to help him reach his goals.

Unlike the majority of Naitian politicians, Mr. Charles has an unsurmentable faith in the future of his country. He feels that if Haiti, under Duvalier, has considerably regressed in every way, the time will come where, like a miracle, the country will again take its course forward to join the other progressive nations of this hemisphere. Unlike those politicians who have seen their prominent positions as a temporaty state of affairs with absolutely no future beyond Duvalier, Mr. Charles has practically invested in Maiti almost all the wealth that he has accumulated before and during Duvalier's reign through genuine efforts and salf-discipline. Of course, I will admit that his wealth would not have . increased in its present proportion if it was not for Duvalier's favors to him. But who else under the previous regimes who were in the same position have genuinely directed their efforts in using their gains for the betterment of the people? I have always find that Mr. Charles took very much satisfaction in giving employment and assistance to as many people as he possibly could. As a matter of fact this is one of his biggest assets in his present struggle.

Mr. Charles is not a demagogue. He believes in the realities of the modern world. He realizes that without the assistance of the U.S., progress is impossible for Haiti. He sincerely believes in the spirit of the Alliance for Progress. Having traveled extensively, he is fully aware of the tragic state of stagnation in which his country is in. He deeply wishes to see Haiti make some progress in the fields of human dignity, education, technology and above all, Freedom.

All that I have said so far are my own personal opinion and also the opinion of a large number of people in and out of Haiti. If some defer in their evaluation of Mr. Charles, it is their privilege and undeniable rights.

Now, if we are to take for granted my opinions, what does Mr. Charles have to offer to the U.S. to prevent the chaos that will necessarily follow Davalier's downfall? First of all, Mr. Charles is at present ready and willing to provoke the desired collapse of Davalier's regime. This, he assured me, he can do without any outside assistance. I am personally aware of certain confidential dispositions taken by him to assure the success of a coup if and when he decides to make it. Why does

not he go ahead and make it, you may ask? His reply is that should he make it, what assurances does he have that his action will satisfy the U.S. As I stated before, Mr. Charles feels that without United States backing, no government can possibly exist in Haiti except under the very same conditions of Duvalier's Government. There would be no reason to precipitate a change if Haiti were to remain under a tyranical dictatorship like Duvalier's.

What Mr. Charles is asking as a prerequisite of any action to be sponsored or initiated by him is the assurance from a person of established authority in the U.S. Government that the United States will support the provisional government that will necessarily have to assure power after Duvalier.

The dispositions taken by Mr. Charles are that a military coup by a Junta will take over and stay in power until free elections are held. The members of that military junta have been already selected by Mr. Charles, who has their commitments to that effect. Mr. Charles believe that if free elections are held he should not have any great difficulty in selling his plans and programs to the people and therefore be elected the next president of Haiti. In my opinion, Mr. Charles is not asking too much. Should the United States consent to his request in the form mentioned above, I feel that the Haitian situation, long a sore note in the U.S. hemispheric relations, could be changed without risk for all parties concerned.

Why should the United States gamble on any other calculated risk,
While I feel, it can wrap up the situation safely in accord with Mr.Charles'
plans? The military junta proposed by Mr. Charles will be made up by high
ranking officers of the Maitian army loyal to him, therefore on the side
of the U.S. With U.S. assistance - it is almost impossible otherwise - the
steps proposed by Mr. Charles after the junta will take over are as follows:

- 1. Disarm the Militia and the Tonton Maccutes immediately;
- 2. Reorganise the Army and the Government services;
- 3. Prevent the interference of communist forces made of exiles Haitians based in Oubs or elsewhere;

- 4. Prevent the return to the Haitian political scone of such "rabble-rouser" so-called leaders as Daniel Fignole and Henri Vixamar;
- 5. Start the ground work for free elections as soon as possible.

  Mr. Charles feels that although it will probably be impossible to prevent acts of reprisals during the first 72 hours of the military take over, strong efforts should be made to avoid unnecessary bloodshed.
- Mr. Charles, in my opinion, is one of the few individuals around whom a reconciliation of all the social divisions and subdivisions of the Haitian family can be achieved. I will mention some of the basic reasons behind this opinion:
- 1. He is of modest rural extraction, therefore is what is called in Haiti a "son of the masses";
- 2. He is black, therefore representing the vast majority of the Haitian people who, at this point, considers the light-skin Haitian as a threat for the return of the domination of the mulatto minority;
- 5. He is deprived of the prejudice of color, therefore the mulatto minority will find in him a certain feeling of security and can be assured that it will not be persecuted solely on the basis of the color of their skins;
- 4. He is wealthy, therefore credited for not ambitioning power for mere personal gains;
- 5. He is known to be a hard, intelligent industrialist and administrator capable of promoting and encouraging the establishment of new, business and industries in Halti;
- 6. He has shown respect for certain moral values such as the undeniable right of the individual to live without fear within the framework of the laws of the land:
- 7. He is a Roman Catholic who professes to have nothing to do with "Voodco" as a religion or a cult and who has given all the other religious denominations functioning in Haiti all the evidence of his encouragement and support for their pastoral activities;

- 8. Being a businessman in his own right, the business community with which he has dealt through the Chamber of Commerce and his bank will always have a dialogue with him and therefore will find him receptive to their suggestions and endeavours;
- 9. Having dealt with elements of the actual regime who have his confidence, he will be able to control them in a way which will avoid unnecessary hardships should someone clse a complete stranger to them be in a position of Government leadership;
- 10. He is known to be strongly anti-communist and pro-American, therefore opening the door to close cooperation with the United States, under the doctrine of the Alliance for Progress, to promote better understanding and opportunities for the Haitian people with the help of the United States;
- 11. He will welcome the return of all Haitian exiles to take their place anew within the Haitian community and to work with him to the task of making the country a safer and better place to live;
- 12. He does not contemplate any reprisals or even sanctions against anybody for their past political affiliations, his efforts to be mainly directed not to solve the errors of the past, but to provide a better present and future for those who want to live in Haiti.

The task, if and when he succeeds to gain power, will not be an easy one. I am sure, however, that Nr. Charles will be able to find the support of enough honest and patriotic Haitians to help him carry out his dream of building up a better Haiti.

Mr. Charles: past affiliation with the Duvalier regime should not, therefore, be held against him. As a matter of fact, this affiliation may give him the foresignt that he should do his utmost not to repeat the same mistakes.

In conclusion, I feel that the U.S. Government, through its qualified Agencies, should give Mr. Charles' offer to topple the Duvalier regime, all the required careful consideration and make a decision as fast as possible.

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TO SUCCEED DUVALIER. WHILE IN THE GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR A THROAT OPERATION DURING THE WEEK OF 12 JUNE 1967 CHARLES MAINTAINED A REGISTER IN WHICH ALL THOSE WHO CAME TO SEE HIM COULD SIGN THEIR NAMES. DUVALIER NOW KNOWS THAT CHARLES IS AMBITIOUS AND LACKING IN GRATITUDE. FOR WITHOUT DUVALIER HE WOULD BE NOTHING. BUT CHARLES WILL FEEL DUVALIER'S WRATH. ALL HIS PROPERTY WILL BE

TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM AND HE WILL BE KEPT UNDER HOUSE ARREST.

2. WHILE CHARLES WAS IN THE HOSPITAL HIS BUSINESS VENTURES WERE SEIZED BY THE TAX OFFICE AND PLACED UNDER THE CONTROL OF TWO TAX INSPECTORS, SERGE SALOMON AND MAURICE LAFONTANT.

CHARLES RETURNED TO HIS HOME ON 19 JUNE 1967 AND WILL REMAIN THERE FOR AT LEAST FIFTEFN DAYS UNDER DOCTORS ORDERS TO RECUPERATE. HIS HOUSE IS MOT UNDER GUARD NOR UNDER VISIBLE SURVEILLANCE. CHARLES CLAIMS TO BE CONTINUING TO PLOT THE OVERTHROW OF DUVALIER WHOM HE CONSIDERS INSANE AND WILL NOT SEEK NO FOREIGN DISSEM / CONTROLLED DISSEM

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2. COLONEL BURRIS, WHO THINKS VERY HIGHLY OF CLEMARD JOSEPH CHARLES, TOLD BRUN THAT HE FULLY SUPPORTS THE HAITIAN BANKER'S PLANS AND THAT HE WILL SEE PRESIDENT JOHNSON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT:

Clemard Joseph CHARLES (201-357029)

- 1. Background: Clemard Joseph CHARLES, born Gonsives, Haiti, 21 April 1923, is a Negro of peasant origin. CHARLES is a shrewd, opportunistic, basically dishonest individual whose natural talents have been channelled to President DUVALIER's advantage over a period of ten years. Having made considerable money in the banana business, CHARLES was able, in 1960, to create the Commercial Bank of Haiti, of which he is still the sole owner. Since its beginning, the Bank has been an instrument for DUVALIER's financial manipulations, and CHARLES is a subservient agent for the President in many of the latter's clandestine operations conceived to evade U. S. Government surveillance. CHARLES, for example, was DUVALIER's agent in the operation designed to smuggle surplus U. S. military sircraft to Haiti and, in fact, made a trip to a USAF base in Arizons to effect purchase, which was later blocked. After long, close association with DUVALIER, during which CHARLES had become extremely wealthy, he managed to incur DUVALIER's displeasure. Gradually CHARLES' influence diminished in favor of Henri SICLAIT, Director of the Regie de Tabac. As CHARLES began to realize that he no longer enjoyed DUVALIER's favor, he began, for the second or third time, to seek channels to the U. S. Government and to solicit support for himself as a successor to the President.
- 2. Agency Contact: CIA contact with CHARLES in the U.S. dates back to May 1963 when he was visited in his suite in the Hotel Willard in Washington by a representative of WH Division. Since that time, he has made his every visit to the U.S. an occasion to talk to some official of the U.S. Government. The most persistent of his approaches has been made to DCS/New York, which he believes leads him to the Department of Defense. Never has this unscrupulous, overly-ambitious charlatan offered any evidence that he has anything going for him inside Haiti. The names he has furnished as his alleged collaborators have meant little or nothing.

the way of hard information. His reports, passed to DCS/NY through his business representative in New York, have been evasive and, in some instances, utterly false. Fabrication has in some cases been obvious.

3. In hrief, CHARLES is trying to cource the U.S. Government into some sort of support for his presidential aspirations. Should anyone listen to him, it would simply mean that the U.S. would have to take over the entire operation and move him in behind a regiment of Marines. State Department, Haiti Desk, has long considered him highly undesirable. Let higher-placed buyers beware!

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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/WH/7

SUBJECT:

Clemard Joseph CHARLES

informed the Haiti Desk that Mr. BRUN, lawyer for Clemard Joseph CHARLES, had met COLONEL HOWARD L.
BURRIS on 14 June and had passed the "word" to him plus allegedly the two letters from CHARLES. BURRIS assured BRUN that his plea would be taken to the White House level.

2. DCS will keep Haiti Deak informed of further developments.

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15 June 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: C/WHD

SUBJECT:

Clemard Joseph CHARLES.

1. At 1530 hours, the DCS representative called WH/7/Haiti Desk to report the following:

"On 14 June 1967, Mr. ERUN met Colonel
HOWARD L. BURRIS in Washington, D. C. They
discussed in private the current developments in
Haiti. Colonel BURRIS, who thinks very highly of
CLEMARD JOSEPH CHARRLES, told BRUN that he fully
supports the banker' (CHARLES) plans and that he
will see the President as soon as possible.
BURRIS told BRUN that he will urge the President
to consider giving U. S. Government support to
CHARLES."

2. No other information available.

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- 1. At 1115 hours, 15 June, Dorothy MATIACK, Department of the Army, called the DCS Washington representative to inform that she had just received a phone call from Louis BRUN, President, 3 & B International, NYC, requesting an "audience". MATIACK contacted DCS for advice. Allegedly, BRUN wants to pass the two letters from Haitian Banker CLEMARD JOSEPH CHARLES to MATIACK. DCS called the Haitian Desk for advice to formulate a reply to MATIACK.
- 2. WH/7/Haiti has identified the two American contacts mentioned in references as follows:
  - a. DOROTHY MATIACK: Employed in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, U.S. Army. Has been a participant on the Interagency Defector Committee and has been issued an Agency badge. Both TSD and OCR have shown interest in her.
  - b. COLONEL HOWARD LAY BURRIS: Born Texas, 1918, graduate of U. S. Military Academy. Believed to be retired from the USAF. His name, along with Pierre SALINGER, etc. was included on a list from the Office of the Vice President requesting an SI clearance, 10 February 1961. Considered to be a Texas millionaire.
- 3. DCS suggested that MATIACK inform BRUN to contact with whom BRUN has been in contact, and pass the letters to him. Final decision rests with WHD.

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(HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT OF CLEMARD JOSEPH CHARLES HAS BEEN DRAWN FROM INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS RELIABLE SOURCES: SINCE ABOUT 1963, CHARLES HAS TRIED TO GAIN U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR HIMSELF AS THE SUCCESSOR TO PRESIDENT DUVALIER; HE HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING AN OPPORTUNIST, SHREWD, CAPABLE, AND UNSCRUPULOUS, AND HAS DUVALIER'S CONFIDENCE WHICH HE HAS USED TO FURTHER HIS OWN EFFORTS AGAINST DUVALIER. THE INFORMATION WHICH FOLLOWS APPEARS TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN AN EXTENSION OF CHARLES' ATTEMPTS TO PANIC THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THEREBY GAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WHICH MAY CONSIDER CHARLES AS THE LESSER OF A NUMBER OF EVILS. HIS ALLEGED SUPPORTERS, LISTED BELOW, ARE BELIEVED TO BE INSIGNIFICANT AND HIS ALLEGED ARMY SUPPORTERS ARE SUSPECT. CHARLES' REFERENCE TO FIDEL CASTRO AND DOMINICAN PRESIDENT JOAQUIN BALAGUER AS HIS COMPETITORS IN A RACE TO OVERTHROW DUVALIER IS CONSIDERED TO BE WITHOUT BASIS - A CALCULATION BY CHARLES TO FORCE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S HAND IN HIS PAYOR.

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FOR OTHER RECENT REPORTING ON CHARLES' PLANS TO OVERTHROW DUVALIER. SEE

- 3. CLEMARD JOSEPH CHARLES, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF HAITI, WHO IS PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT. IS TO UNDERGO A MINOR THROAT OPERATION ON 14 JUNE 1967 IN PORT-AU-PRINCE. CHARLES WANTED TO HAVE THE OPERATION IN THE U.S. BUT DUVALIER "STRONGLY SUGGESTED" THAT IT BE DONE LOCALLY.
- 4. CHARLES, WHO IS INCREASINGLY FEARFUL THAT DUVALIER WILL BECOME AWARE OF HIS PLOT AND WILL "ELIMINATE" HIM, AGAIN PLANS TO SEEK U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT. HE DESCRIBED THE CONDITIONS IN HAITI AS NEAR CHAOTIC AND REITERATED THE NEED TO GET RID OF DUVALIER. HE SAID THAT HE NOW HAS 290 SOLDIERS (OFFICERS AND MEN) WHO ARE READY TO STRIKE AT ANY TIME AND KILL DUVALIER. CHARLES SAID THAT HE AND HIS "HIGH-RANKING ARMY OFFICER FRIEND" FEEL THEY MAVE ENOUGH AMMUNITION AT THEIR COMMAND TO HOLD OUT FOR 24 HOURS. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: CHARLES MAY BE REFERRING TO MAJ. COICOU. (FNII), COL. OCTAVE CAYARD, OR CAPT. WALTER PREVAL REPORTED IN

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WOULD NEED U.S. HELP AGAINST THE FOLLOWING THREE POSSIBILITIES:

- A. COUNTERACTION BY FANATICAL DUVALIER FOLLOWERS
- B. AN INVASION ATTEMPT BY CUBAN-TRAINED HAITIAN EXILES
- C. DOMINICAN PRESIDENT JOAQUIN BALAGUER'S ACTION TO SUPPORT THE DUVALIER FOLLOWERS SO THAT CHARLES AND HIS MILITARY JUNTA WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TURN HAITI INTO A STAGING AREA FOR DOMINICAN ANTI-GOVERNMENT EXILES.
- 5. CHARLES NAMED THE FOLLOWING AS SOME OF HIS CIVILIAN SUPPORTERS AND "FELLOW CONSPIRATORS" THROUGHOUT HAITI:
  - A. IN PORT-AU-PRINCE
    - (1) SYLVESTER JEAN-BAPTISTE, A TANNER
- (2) PIERRE GABRIEL, A MERCHANT
  - (3) G. PAINSON, A BUSINESSMAN
  - (4) EUGENE PAUL, A MERCHANT
  - (5) WALLACE B. TURNBULL, A PROTESTANT CLERGYMAN
  - (6) Joseph Volcy, an influential businessman in
    - BEL-AIR SECTION
      - (7) ANDRE BALE, "POPULAR LEADER" IN BEL-AIR SECTION
      - (8) JOSEPH RAYMOND, IN MORNE A TUF SECTION

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  - (4) LELIO JOSEPH
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    - (3) MSGR. CONSTANT (FNU), OF GONAIVES
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- (5) FATHER DELVA (FNU), OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL

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- (1) FRANK PEURIES, A BUSINESSMAN IN CORAIL
- (2) ALPHONSE BAZIL, A LAWYER IN JEREMIE
- JEAN BOURGEOIS, A BUSINESSMAN IN CAYES
- (4) MIDOUIN TURNIER, A BUSINESSMAN IN JACHEL
- (5) LEON ST. REMY, A BUSINESSMAN IN GONAIVES
- CLAUDE FORBIN, A BUSINESSMAN IN GONAIVES (6)
- (7) SERGE HARLIEN, A BUSINESSMAN IN CAP HAITIEN
- (8) FELIX ANGELOUSE, A BUSINESSMAN IN CAP HAITIEN
- (9) CHARITE JEAN, A BUSINESS LEADER IN PLAISANCE
- (10) MARC BELOT, A LAWYER IN PETITE RIVIERE DE L'ARTIBONITE ..
  - (11) MICHEL FEQUIRE, A BUSINESSMAN IN PETIT TROU

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A. DUMERIC (FNU), PRESIDENT OF PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION. WHO WRITES FOR LE MATIN

- MAX CHAUVET, PUBLISHER OF LE NOUVELLETTE. HE ALSO COUNTS ON THE SUPPORT OF A NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ARE STUDYING IN WEST GERMANY, SPAIN, AND OTHER COUNTRIES ON SCHOLAR-SHIPS WHICH HE GAVE THEM.
- 7. CHARLES, THROUGH HIS AGENTS, ALSO HAS GOOD CONNECTIONS WITH WITCH DOCTORS AND "PERSONALITIES IN THE VOODOO MOVEMENT."
- 8. ALTHOUGH CHARLES GAVE NO DATE FOR THE ACTION, HE SAID THAT HE AND HIS ARMY FRIENDS WILL GET RID OF DUVALIER, BUT THAT THEY ARE NOT STRONG ENOUGH WITHOUT FOREIGN HELP TO STAY IN POWER. HE WARNED THAT IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO HELP THEM, THE CASTROITE HAITIANS HAVE A VERY GOOD CHANCE OF SEIZING POWER.

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Clemard Joseph-Charles, President of the Commercial Bank of Haiti and President of the Haitian Chamber of Commerce, is the source.

For four years Charles has tried to gain U.S. support for himself as successor to President Duvalier.

He is an epecatunist of the first water-shrewd, capable and unscrupulous. He has played Duvalier's game to the hilt, often entrusted with missions abroad which were, in effect contrary to U.S. government interests. (He played a principal role in the attempt to managle B-26 sireraft out of the U.S. for Duvalier's use. In that connection he went to Arizona to try to purchase W.S. Air Moree surplus planes, using U.S. citizens of managing mature as his agents.)

Charles has been forced in recent months to make lease to the Duvalier government, the last one having been in the vicinity of \$700,000. As a result he claims that his bank is in a precarious position. Therefore, he wants out.

Charles has many business interests in Haiti apart from his banking operation (essential cile, simal etc.). Haitian exiles estimate that as many as 4,000 persons may be dependent upon his for their livelihood. (This includes dependents of his employees).

thatles is poorly regarded by the State Department. The department's stance \*coards him as a successor to Duvalice has been even more negative than is customary.

The current report turned in by Louis ERUN, his representative in New York, appears to be nothing more than an extension of his attempts to panic the U.S., and thus to gain for himself support as the lesser of a number of

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evils. The list of names of his alleged supporters is meaningless. His adherents in the army are not identified and are suspect.

His referral in this, and in a previous report, to Castro and Balaguer as his competitors in a race to everthrow Duvalier is considered to be nonsense. All this is calculated to force the U.S. haad in his favor.

His attempt to find a channel to the Pentagon are in the pattern of his action for several years. Should be succeed he might be convincing enough to cause trouble.

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- 1. Clemand Joseph Charles, president of the Commercial Bank of Haiti, claims that since Maj. Colour (thm), a close friend, has replaced Capt. Harry Tassy in the Presidential Guard, he (Charles) now has an access to arms and amminition in the bessuent of the Palace and is in a position to carry out a comp against President Francois Revalier "in the near future."

  Although no definite date has been set yet for the comp. Charles is convinced that it must be carried out "within the next few mouths" to save Haiti from economic and political chaos. Charles, and especially his military friends, feel that 1967 is the year of decision.
- 2. Although Col. Flare Lowis (fin). 2 commander of the Desselines Barracks, was not turned as a fellow-somptioner, Charles believes that Pierre-Louis knows of and approves his place to overthrow Duvelier, and that he (Charles) "controls" the Desselines Barracks through Pierre-Louis. Col. Octave Caillard is one of the key military figures on whom Charles pins his hopes. Caillard is thoroughly itsillawioned with Duvelier and is willing to corporate. Caillard fears that if Duvelier remains in power, Haiti's economy will be completely ruined and Haitian exiles receiving guerrilla training in Cuba may attempt to seize power in Haiti.
- 3. Charles has the support of Capt. Preval (fnu), 3 of the Presidential Guard, and realizes that high-ranking officers loyal to Duvalier could cause bloodshed; Charles and his associates expect violence during the initial stages of the comp.
- to In addition to ships of the Haiting Coast Guard, Charles now has the use of a 352-ton converted landing croit (IC) which normally sails between Jamaica and Portion-Prince carrying flour, that oil, sto.

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- 5. Charles had no contact with Haitian exile groups until early May 1967, when he cent an emissary to New York City to talk to Louis Sansarieg, a prominent anti-Duvalier exile, whose entire family was killed by Duvalier's henchmen. Sansaried agreed to support Charles in a final showdown with Duvalier and premised to line up some of his fellow exiles to support Charles. A close friend of Charles was planning to go to New York in mid-May 1967 estensibly to discuss port development projects an Port-au-Prince with a U.S. construction firm; however, the real purpose of the trip is to contact Heitian exiles to gain their support for Charles.
- 6. On 19 May 1967, a group of preminent Haltian exiles hold a macting in New York City to colebrate Haltian Flag Day. One of the organizate of the macting was Dr. Jumalle (fmu), a modical doctor whose brother was a fermer Haltian Minister of Finance and who was killed by Dayalier. Another exile who attended the meeting was Vixonar (fmu)? who claims to be a legal advisor to the Republic of Chad and who said that he was going to be the next president of Halti. The group of Haltian exiles, believed to call itself the "National Organization of Haltian Exiles", has some members who back Charles.
- 7. Following are prominent Haitians who Charles believes must be eliminated after the coup:
  - a. Col. Gracia Jacques of the Presidential Guard Jacques, who is no lunger blindly loyal to Duvalier, will be needed in the execution of the coup, and can be bought; however, once power is in the hands of a military junta and Charles, Jacques will be eliminated.
  - b. Luc Desir, head of the Touton-Macouto.
  - 6. Clovis Desinor, Minister of Finance an "amarchist" with presidential aspirations who has an "underground movement in Haiti."
  - &. Gon. Gerard Constant, Chief of Staff.
  - e. Col. Jacques Laroche, Deputy Chief of Staff a "convinced Communist."
- 8. If the coup is successful, Charles hopes to give Andre Theard, former Haitian Ambassador to the United States, a (diplomatic post) Theard is strongly pro-U.S. Charles regards Gerard Philippeaux, Minister of Health, as a very sick man with no further political applications.
- 9. Close friends of Charles are convinced that Charles has no choice but to early out a coup with or without ferrica help, and that his charces of success see good because several of Davallar's new appointers to key positions are friends of Charles; also, that Charles must act soon because the morals of many of Davallar's military and civilian supporters has reached an all-time low and because the Haltian Treasury is almost empty.

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- L. Colocu may be Maj. Berge Colocu.
- 2. Frd. ably Lt. Col. Luc Pierre-Louis.
- S. Another source has identified Proval as Copt. Walter Proval.

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- 4. Probably Dr. Gaston Junelle.
- 5. Probably Henri Vixamer.

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THIS DEAL IS, OF COURSE, CHARLES' ATTEMPT TO

3. LOUIS SANSARICQ, A HAITIAN EXILE IN THE UNITED STATES,
AND HIS SON HAVE PROMISED CHARLES THEIR FULL COOPERATION.

SANSARICQ'S SON, WHO IS CONNECTED WITH THE HAITIAN COALITION IN
NEW YORK, NOW IS PLANNING TO INTENSIFY PROPAGANDA AGAINST

DUVALIER AND HIS HENCHMEN. FROM TIME TO TIME, THIS PROPAGANDA

WILL ATTACK CHARLES FOR HIS "SUPPORT" OF THE DUVALIER REGIME IN
ORDER NOT TO AROUSE DUVALIER'S SUSPICION; THESE ATTACKS, HOWEVER,
WILL BE LESS SHARP THAN THOSE DIRECTED AGAINST OTHER SUPPORTERS

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- 1. AT MIDNIGHT SUNDAY, 4 JUME, LOUIS A. BRUN, PRESIDENT B & B INTERNATIONAL CORP. NYC CALLED AND TOLD BALOG ABOUT LATEST DEVELOPHENTS IN HAITI.
- A TRUSTED HAITIAN FRIEND JUST ARRIVED IN NYC AND BROUGHT BACK NEWS OF WIDESPREAD FEAR GRIPPING HAITI. COLONEL TASSY, IN CHARGE OF CRIMINAL DIVISION AT PERT-AU-PRINCE AND HIS BROTHER TOOK REFUGE AT AN UNNAMED (PRESUMABLY LATIN AMERICAN) EMBASSY IN THE CAPITAL . THE COLONEL WAS RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO "DEPARTMENT OF N NORTH"; INSTEAD OF TAKING UP HIS NEW POSITION HE FLED TO EMBASSY. 3. RELATIVES OF DE CATALOGUE, FORMEER DIRECTOR OF TOURISM CRESENT DIRECTOR IS DUVALIER'S SOR-IN-LAW) ALSO SOUGHT AND FOUND REFUGE AT AN EMBASSY.
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MAY BE IN DANGER IF HE GOES TO PORT-AU-PRINCE SINCE PAPA IS
"COMPLETETLY UNPREDICATABLE AND FEELS CORNERED BY HIS ENEMIES AND
FRIENDS SUCH AS CHARLES AND OTHERS". THE NEPHEW REMINDED BRUN
THAT HE (BRUN) HAS A WIFE AND FOUR SMALL CHILDREN IN NYC.

6. NOW BRUNS IS TORN BETWEEN HIS LOYALTY TO HIS FRIEND CHARLES AND HIS OWN FAMILY. IN HIS PLIGHT HE ASKED BALOG FOR ADVICE. WE TOLD HIM THAT, WHILE PERSONALLY WE SYMPHATIZE WITH HIM, PROFESSIONALLY WE ARE NOT IN POSITION TO ADVISE HIM ON HIS PROJECTED TRIP TO PORT-AU-PRINCE WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR 11:38 AM, 3 JUNE. BRUN INFORMED US THAT HE LL ALSO SEEK THE ADVICE OF HIS FBI CONTACT MAN WHO HAS DEALT WITH HIM RE HAITIAN DEVELOPMENTS FOR

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AGANST DUVALIER SUCCEEDS CHARLES STILL FEARS INTERVENTION BY
CASTRO AND BALAGUER. CHARLES URGED BRUN "TO DO EVERYTHING TO
PERSUADE MR. BELL'S COMPANY HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO GET RID OF
POSSIBLE FOREIGN COMPETITION." CHARLES ALSO ADVISED BRUN THAT HE
HAS TO UNDERGO AN OPERATION TO REMOVE A BENIGN GROWTH FROM HIS
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A. AT CHARLES REQUEST BRUN HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH HAITIAN EXILES IN NYC TO SECURE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE BANKER. LOUIS BANSARICQ, AND HIS SON PROMISED FULL COOPERATION. SANSARICQ'S SON WHO IS CONNECTED WITH THE HAITIAN EXILE RADIO BROADCASTING ANTI-DUVALIER MATERIAL FROM THE US TO HAITI NOW REGULARLY DELIVERS TAPED PROPAGANDA TO BRUM BEFORE TRANSMISSION. BRUN AND YOUNG SANSARICQ ARE NOW PLANMING TO INTENSIFY PROPAGANDA AGAINST DUVALIER AND HIS MENCHMEN. FROM TIME TO TIME EXILE RADIO WILL CONTINUE TO ATTACK CHARLES FOR HIS SUPPORT OF REGIME SO AS NOT TO AROUSE PAPA'S SUSPICION. THESE ATTACKS, HOWEVER, WILL BE LESS SHARP THAN THOSE DIRECTED AGAINST OTHER SUPPORTERS OF THE REGIME. IN ANY

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"HAITIAN COALITION" IN NYC. FOR THEIR LABOR THEY WERE PROMISED
"IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT POSTS IN CHARLES' FUTURE CABINET."

5. BRUN INFORMED US THAT CHARLES'S SUPPORTER EDMOND VILAIRE,

PORT-AU -PRINCE SHIPOWNER, WILL RETURN FROM NYC TO MAITI ON 8 JUN 67"

AND THAT LOUIS LEVEQUE WILL VISIT NYC AGAIN HID-JUN. BEFORE HIS RETURN

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1. In discussing the possibility of overthrowing the Davalier Government in the near future, Clemand Joseph Charles, president of the Commercial Bank. of Haiti, said he now is ready to created his long-planned scheme to seize power with his military and civiling friends in Port-au-Prince, with or without the help of the U.S. Covernment." If he fails in his efforts to obtain U.S. support for his plan, Of whee still interes to go shead with the plot, but he said the executate of his scheme will take more time. However, Charles believes that if it in the best interest of the U.S. to give him all necessary help in the effort to get rid of Fullidegt Duvalier who has brought Haiti to the t .mk of total economic collisse.

- 2. Charles said that he has rifles and har granules hidden "same/here in Hait!" and that through his good friend closed Octave Cayard, communer of the Hattin Coast Cuard, three Haitin bears, which corry commune will be under his control. Cayard cannot Atraish enough ammunition for the linning, but Charles hopes to obtain the necessary amount from the U.S. Government. He would like to get the ammunition from the U.S. similar number, BUKER, which has been on duty in the Caribbean area for some vine.
- 3. Besiles Suyund, Charles has the support of an unnamed high-ranking Mairlan Army officer. Charles and his military and civilian friends plan to set , a provisional junta and not rid of the "enemies of Hoiti," that is, Day ...er and his supporters. After the consolidation of power in the har of the junta, Charles plane to run for President and is convinced that he can win since he has many supporters in Port-on-Prince as w.ll as I. the rural areas of Haiti. Charles claims that he "controls" one Caunchia and Episcopal alergy, teachers and students, several business en, and say militianes in the rural areas who are waiting for his signift. everthrow the present regime.

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- 4. Charles has stated that should he become President of Haiti, he would pursue a pre-U.S. policy, eliminating the Duvalierists and the Communists and establishing a "liberal democratic" regime.
- 5. Charles still is pretending to be a loyal supporter of Duvalier; however, his position has become shaky and he believes that his life is in danger. He feels that he may fall victim to Duvalier unless he (Charles) strikes first. For the time being, Charles will continue to support Duvalier in an effort to alloy the President's suspicions. As president of the Haitian Chamber of Commerce, Charles soon will deliver a speech praising the achievements of Duvalier. He is anxious for the U.S. to know that his overtures toward Duvalier are pretense and that he is determined to go into action against the present regime.

### Headquarters Comments

from another reliable source, reported that Charles and Horve Boyer, former Minister of Finance under Duvalier, were contending for power in the Haitia. Government.

- In the past several months, Charles has made numerous attempts to elicit support from several U.S. Government agencies for his plot against the Duvalier Government.
- 2. No reason was given for Charles' belief that it would be in the best interest of the U.S. to support his scheme to overthrow Duvalier. However, he may be referring to his claim that should be become President of Haiti following the overthrow of Duvalier, he intends to pursue a pro-U.S. policy and establish a "liberal democratie" regime.
- S. Cayerd, who enjoys the confidence of Duvulier, is a secret ally of Charles.

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- On 20 May 1977, Louis M. Brust, President, B & B International Componentiar, New York City, furnished the following informations
- F. Clement Joseph Charles, President, Davigue Commercial d'Hatti,
  Pert-au-Prime, claime that his military and civilian anti-drymiter
  forges are organised in "strong colls ready to strike when the time
  arrives." He also claims to have supporters assed Moltian collection
  the US and "on the islands surrounding Matti."
- 3. Charles relierated his provinus assertion that he will depose
  Brealiar with or without the help of the OE, but he would prefer to
  make contest with a "VS linious was in Furt-su-Prince to speed up
  things."
- to flow the crisis despess and day. Because are falling, and foreign repital continues to stay may. Attents to sall free any bonds abred and attract tourists have utterly railed. In an effort to estreet foreign investment, Mr. Auguste, Saiti's forcer mines after to the US and recently applicant attendance to fast between, germandal a businessmen from Entel (mane not given) to have an audience with fraction Butalier of 45 May 1967 in order to discuss a business deal. Charles expects to be present on this pression.
- Sometime is not well. In addition to disbuter, he has what Charles describes "arterizablevers paysboots." He is very such upont by the failure of his someta-law, the Minister of Tairies, to sell Mait! to foreign tension. He is also disturbed about the recent behavior of his other con-law, it. Gol. Maximilian Desinique. According to Charles, Boninique incurred the presidential wreth ty moving out of the palace with his cit's and Hrs. Armiter statement Pape's permission. After powelier personally brought too party bonk to the relace, Suminique resigned als palace essignment via his vity. Burniar enging that, "as long as I as the president, people counce resigned that," as long as I as the president, people counce resigned that, "as long as I as the president, people counce resigned

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- 6. Charles states that Gracia Jacques, chief of the Presidential Guard, "will be needed in the execution of the plan." He feels that Jacques is no louger blindly loyal to Maralier and that he can be bought. Fore the power is in the hands of a wilitary junta and Charles, Jacques "will be eliminated."
- 7. The banker further stages that howest and competent eltisons, who are also pro-MM, will be brought into the government. Some of the exiles are in the US will be in the government.
- 8. Charles insists that he end his friends are strong enough on the domestic scame to in every with the invaling government "segment or later." His greatest fear is that either Castro or Imagner might interfere in Heitl's affairs fullowing a coup against invaling. He careactly hopes that the US will neutraline Castro and Halaquar. Charles is convinent that invaling and Halaquar are "close friends." He feals that the time has definitely own for the US Covernment to get in teach with him now in Port-end-Prince. If his wish is greated, he will divulge his plan (nemes, etc.) to the "linison men."
- 9. On 19 May 1967, a group of prominent Haitian excise had a meeting in New York City to coleirate Haitian Flag Bay. One of the organizers was Dr. Accelle, an M.D. whose brother, a former Minister of Finance, was killed by Asvalier. Acceler exile in attendence was (fin) Timmer, who claims to be a legal advisor to the Republic of Chad. Visumer, who is described by Brun as a mystic, stated, "I am going to be the mext president of Haiti." Brun believes that the group calls itself "Hational Organization of Haitian Mailes." According to his, some of the members are now backing Charles! president inlanguarisations.
- 19. Louis Liveque, a master of the Bennouis Flanning Beard of Buiti, a confident of Charles', will come to New York City after a few days' stay in Blant, Flantica, and Mandais, Samessee. In 20 May 1967, Liveque will ment with representatives of the J. 6. Units Angineering Componenties, SO Bread Street, SIG, to discuse the part underdiscation project of Perturbations. According to Brea, Leveque has "Lance bearing to many important information relative to the Charles' plan."

BY-120-07 La May 1977 Case 17,540 (Boupened)

SUBJECT: Additional Differentian Concerning Plans of Heiten Busher, Classic Joseph Charles, to Overthrow the Divelier Guvernment

- 1. Louis A. Swim, 3 and 3 International Corporation, 1132 Swembay, See Fork, 57, furnished the following militiated information concerning new developments in Maiti and plans of Maitian beauser, Chemen Jaspin Chemiss, and his military and similar associates to overthrow the Duvalier government.
- 2. Colonel Calliard, Glief of the Saltien Coast Glard, is definitely one of the key willtary flatter on stom Charles pins his hoper. Calliard is thoroughly distillusioned with Devalier and is willing to experate with Charles. Calliard feers that if Devalier remains in power, the economy of the country will be completely ruined and that huitian smiles now being trained in greatilla warfare in Charmay attempt to seles power. As a presperse fair; Tarmer, whose wealth is estimated to be approximately DEGL millims, Calliard has a large state in the future of Salti. He feels that "patriots such as Guarles and himself" must eligibate Devaluar and him becomes.
- Although Charles did not mass Colevel Fierre Louis, officer in charge of the Concress Descalings, Fort-en-Primes, as a fallow-consylvator, there is reason to believe that Louis knows and approves the plane to everthrow Davalier. Unaries and Louis are good friends; the backer was been at the welding of the Colonel's despiter. Then the government was buckle to pay Linia and his coldiars on thee, on several escalings, Charles advanced manage of the trusted masses are coult eat."
- b. Higher Levis Larry, a number of the Hermonic Plannin; Monro of Haiti, is also enter of Charles' plans. Leveyle is a respected public flairs who has used several trips to the Whis an effort to obtain applied for the Maitian economy. So has given up all hope and is applied for the Maitian economy. So has given up all hope and is applied that the Savalier government must be dilminated.

- 5. Charles claims the support of a substantial segment of the clarge, intelligentale, teamers, and students as said as paramete in the rural areas. As a derout huma Catiolic, he maintains a close relationship with the church suthernites and close befriended force has a follow, blimp travail's successor at the dylamication Church's. St. Typicté Catheiral in Fort-on-Frince. In matrice, he claims to have governt important nemperamen on his payvall.
- 6. Charles in fully source of the denger confronting him and his followcomprictors, but they are determined to "eliminate" Devalor and his
  key supporters. Since Charles "controls" Charmes Descalines through
  Colonal Louis, and the Charles thand through Chirmel Cailland, he is
  confident that in the event of a successful comp by a military jumps
  he and life mescriates will be suite to round up the principal supporters
  of Drvalier. Although he test his man, deptain Freval, in the
  Frestdential Chard, he reclises that high-reching officers layed to
  Drvalier could couse bloodehed. Charles and his associates appear
  violence during the initial stages of their coup. No definite date
  has yet been set for motion, but Charles is convinced that the exap
  must be married out "sithin the best few months" to have the country
  from occommis and political chase. In any case, Charles and sepecially
  his military friends feel that 1907 is the year of decision.
- B. Br. Foureaud, on M.D. in Heiti, is no longer trusted by Armilier.

  Bur Develler and his really have the services of four dectors:

  Br. Medert, an erthogedist: Br. Thermany, another orthopedist;

  Br. Buntarps, a general prestitionar; and Dr. Hert-Therese Amilensi.

  Bureller's distition is Mrs. Made Seatt Mabs. A wais marse, Turps

  Jundi, is entrusted with texting periodic biand amount tests of have leaded to wall lived by the President, who made him a member of the Landsiative Chamber.

- 9. Grantes is of the opinion that Davallar is determined to recein to Heitt and face any opposition from inside and outside the transfer. Although Davallar is confident that as can receively to the transfer, he has used a secret agreement with Fresident Josephin Belapher of the Dominion Regulate. Davallar maked for and was granted anylos in the Dominion Regulate maintain close linium through Andre Siene, a member of the Legislative Chamber in Maiti. Siene, who, succording to Charles, is resonable for the marker of several anti-Davallar persons in the Second area, frequently travals in a jeep with diplomatic license plate severes Santo Domingo and Port-en-Prince. Blean received a diplomatic persons in the presidential palace.
- It some that the battle of the wons-in-less has been won by Pamerd, Minister of Tourism. In early May 1967, Dreelier's other son-in-lev, feetage, our is an Army officer, moved cut of the presidential pales together with ble wife. They took up residence is Port-on-Prime but their inteprotones did not last long. After a few days in that may rome, President Devaller and the bodyguards ands a "friendly virit" to the Destroyle home and look his designer and econionism back to the presidential palace. Charles balisms that Boalthne is now virtually a prisoner. He siss learned from those close to the pulses that Divider either will appoint or has already apprinted Deminique to a foreign distinuatio poet, which expend to golden exile." At the ence fine france? continue to enjoy Pavaller's full confidence. He was allowed to visit how Earl City vita his wife. "to promite Acitico carina." After an unnequentil stay to the US. Personni flow to Maximo dicy, where he was also representful in his bid to attract Mexican trurists; but as a occasiation prime, he Fuerived a deposystion from the Maxicos gavernment.
- 11. Obsiles and the following commute to firm euncerning certain individuals in Salti:
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  - b. In Boole, bond of fem fon because. Neet be aliminated.
  - G. Glovie Spateor, Hinteter of Pinesos. He is an "queschiet" with presidential mortrations who has some "underground movement to Haiti." So be eliminated.

- d. Gerard Philippenix, Minister of Haelth. In early May 1907, he was in New York Gity to seek transment of a certise brain trans condition. A very side wan, he no louger has political applications.
- e. General Derayi Cometant, chief of staff. To be aliminated.
- f. There, a former embessedor to the US. He is strongly pro-US. Charles "hopes" to give him a diplomatic post when is in a position to do so.
- g. Column Income largue, deputy chief of staff, "a convinced dumminist." To be eliminated.
- 12. Charles stated that for Lamphlia, a US attited, an M.D., who lives with his son in Port-ex-Frince, is "an undercover agent for Escaliar." As con-time Lamphlia was running a tempory for Escaliar; his son is now in charge of an extensive rice pluntation.
- 13. If Charles reserves no US halp spainst Diveliar, he will est on his can. However, he knows that vitacut US help (ausmitten, vespon) it may take several months before he and his friends are ready to surke. During the interim period, he will endeavor to undermine the Diveliar government on the economic frame. To be specific, he plane to tell his foreign friends connected with the international Homestay Fund and the World Bank that they must abunden the present regime to emplate economic chaos. In milition to foundabling a copy of his associated addressed to Diveliar to the US subsected in Haitle on the wrongloings of Tenri Sichelt, president of the Maitless Tobocco and Match Homesty, he gave ecpies to "foreign constitute". Charles fuels that meen the "economic situation of Baitle is absolutely hopeless" be end his fraceds will be able to sarry set the coup.

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#Y=119=17 15 May 1957 Case 47,540 (reopened)

SERIEUT: New Developments in Plans of Haitian Empher, Cleward Joseph Charles, to Overthrow the Davalier Government

- 1. On 11 May 67, Minord Vilaire, a Beitign mational, who operates a 352 ton converted LC as a cargo ship in Purt-au-Prince, arrived in Bow Tork City. On 12 May 67 in the company of Louis A. Brun, B & B International Corp., Few York City, he stated the following. (Letter-bond of the Port-au-Prince firm is attached.)
- 2. President Bivalier has just transferred Captain Entry Takey of the Presidential Quart to a rural post and replaced his with Major Colons, who happens to be a good friend of Clemant Joseph Charles claims that through Colons, he now has access to arms and assumition in the bessent of the palace and is in a position to carry out a compain the mean future."
- 3. After an explosion mear the palace in mid-april 1967, Davalier quietly embared upon a major shake-up in the military and the givil service. He dimminent or transferred a number of Army, Militle, and You Ton Macute officers and civil servents, including those who had previously served in the presidential palace. To date no official announcements have been made concerning these apportant changes.
- 4. In addition to Captain Thusy, the following officers lost their positions in Post-ma-Frince:
  - a. Captain Larcahe of the Presidential Guard; transferred to un welcome post cutaide the capital.
  - b. Major flowy Borgs of the Amer; Borgs, a confident of Davalier; was in charge of radio propagada. He used to see the problems at least twice a day. Porgo was transferred to a form in the northwest region of Heiti.
  - e. Funl Verteda of the TML

- Veriguin, who was in charge of the TM in the Pationville section of Port-mu-rrince, was dismissed by Darwlier because the Prasident suspected him of siding with the Descripes clique. Desirious, en Army officer and sometimiss of Divalier, was offered a military attache position either to Spain or Italy, which he refuced to eccept or his wife is reloctant to leave Haiti at this time. This situation is complicated by the denision of Dryalier's wife to side with her daughter. The rift in his own family as well as the ettempt of his emenies to divrus the colouration of his both pirches and the 10th engiversary of his taking office prompted larvalier to remark that the only men he trusts is Gracia Jacques, commander of the Presidential Geard. This statement entered sour those was have bitherte been! loyal to Bavaltor. Moreover, even the most faithful luvalies supporters now fear for their lives. Colonel Calilard, who is in sharge of the Coast Guard, bitterly companied to Charles about Buvaller's resurk and researed the banker that he and his friends wine ready to set up a military junta.
- In addition to the Jenst Geard chips, Charles would have the use of Vilaire's envoyated LC, which movemily plies "he unders between Jensica and Port-em-frince carrying flour, feel all, etc. Vilaire is provinced that Charles has no choice but to carry out the comp with or without foreign help and that his chances of success are good close several of the new Burniler appointees to key military end civilian positions are Charles frience. Vilaire feels that Charles must ent now since the sential of many of the military and civilian supporters of Burnier was respict we all-time low and the Maitian freedomy is almost empty. Since Pavaller has been unable to obtain foreign empitel, he has again reserved, through his Secretary of State for Gumerce and Ludnetry Labort Jum-Starre, to a shahe-down of commercial and industrial enterprises. In a circular letter, dated 2 May 67, the Secretary opposited for valuatary contributions as a fitting houses to the Venerable Franches for life, Chief of the Davalleriet Establishes." (A copy of the letter is attended.)
- To Jum-Player and Emeri Sielait, restituents of Devalier in charge of the Engle to Tobar and him Alliquettes, are among the atmospheric experience of the president. Both men have stolen considerable amounts of public funds and our conded in amounts.

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- 6. Secretary of State for Austica Heman Estina, who is a good friend of Captain Tesay, to in serious trouble. Zoiled, a brother of a former granitant of Sarit, way lose his position. Since he hisself has presidential arbitions, he may become a confident for this office if he survives the present crisis.
- Another promital rivel for the presidency is Secretary of State for Labor and Scalel Welfare Max A. Antoixe, who claims the appure of the labor values.
- According to Vilairs, the wildest remore are respect to Maiti. For among a, even intelligent persons give credence to the alligation that the US Government is not really ensions to see the constall of Arealier and that a portion of the US\$40 million bitherto elicometed to Fresident Malaguer of the Dominion Republic as devolutional louds was passed on, with the test rement of the US; to "Balaguer's good Friend," Daveller. Another remor states that the CIA is now in the process of training datties exiles in the US for a possible investor of Maiti. The mass of the Fouche, a furner Sand or in Maiti and a former Anhanceder 5: he US now in exile in New York City, has been mentioned as one of those receiving training in generally.
- 11. One of Vilaire's aims during his present risis to the UB is to convince influential Entities exiles that Charles in not a Daveller supporter and that he would make a good president. Vilaire has already contacted, through hour, Louis Beckering, a proximent antiBreaker exile in New York City, and hopes to most other exile.

  Leaders.
- 18. Brus states that the nowly appointed representative of the UNIP (United Bations Development Program) is Port-au-frice, a Greek, has just returned to New York and stated that he will are go back to Estit became in discovered that fluits granted by the USEP were "misepprepriated by the Davillar government."
- In the general that as argumental asserted of We ditended and calling itself the "Society for Batti" will try to raise asserted for "sucrition, scientists. Inchrestation, solution and enumerated developments in Sauti." Standard, Maili's solution as appoint to the OS, is connected with this organization. As OAS mission is expected to be in Port-cu-Friene this was not temboure will be on head. (A copy of a list of the twee of present supporting the Sectory for Baits is absented.)

- 1b. Builder Lavie Levelve, a marker of the Haltico Sciences Planning Brain and a close friend of Charles', is appeared in New York on or about in May of establish to discuss your development projects of Portugue Frisco with the J. S. White Digineering Universities, do Erred Str. . The real purpose of his visit, however, in to contact US friends and Salitica exiles is an effort to gain support for Theries.
- 15. Chaples and Brus talked on the phone 12 May 67. The bester stated that he is "tied down" in Port-sub-Prime until the end of May, at which ties he may make exother business trip to the U.
- 16. Brus is firsty convinced that Charles has already made the decision to overthrow the Arvalier constraint with his friends and that he must est fact to prevent chase and a possible Communist take-over. Vilatre and from acres that the political and consumis situation in East is mich that "the possible wants a change; any charge, and would even valores a Communist coup." They added that Charles and his military friends wish to prevent a Caster-supported Communist science of power.

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Edmond Vilaire Commission Agent Ehipping Service Box 916 Port-un-Prince, Haiti

A copy of this memorandum will be furnished to BO/NY.

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MY-419-67 15 May 1967 Case 47,540 (respense)

SUBJECT: New Developments in Plans of Haitian Banker, Clemard Joseph Carles, to Overthrow the Duvalier Government

- On 11 May 67, Educated Vileire, a Haitism national, who operates a
  352 ton converted LC as a cargo ship in Port-em-Prince, arrived in
  Hew York City. On 12 May 67 in the company of Louis A. Brun, B & B
  Enternational Corp., Hew York City, he stated the following. (Letter-head of the Port-em-Prince firm is attached.)
- B. President Duvalier has just transferred Captain Harry Tassy of the Presidential Guard to a rural post and replaced him with Major Coisou, the bappens to be a good friend of Clemard Joseph Charles. Charles claims that through Coisou, he now has access to arms and ammunition in the basement of the palace and is in a position to carry out a coup "in the near future."
- 3. After an emplosion near the palace in mid-April 1987, Davalier quietly embarked upon a major shake-up in the military and the civil service. He dismissed or transferred a number of Army, Hillitia, and Ton Ton Haccute officers and civil serve to, including those who had previously served in the presidential palace. To date no official amountements have been made concerning these important changes.
- b. In edition to Coptain Tassy, the following officers lost their positions in Fort-su-Prince:
  - 6. Esptain Lareche of the Presidential Guard; trensferred to an unimom post outside the capital.
  - b. Hajor Bong Rouge of the Army; Bongs, a confident of Dawlier, was in charge of radio propagands. He used to see the president at least twice a day. Bongs was transferred to a town in the northwest region of Haiti.
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- Veriquin, who was in charge of the TIM in the Pationville section of Port-au-Prince, was dismissed by Duvalier because the President suspected him of ciding with the Dominique clique. Dominique, an Army officer and son-in-law of Duvalier, was offered a military attache position either in Spain or Italy, which he refused to accept as his wife is reluctant to leave Hai! at this time. This situation is complicated by the decision of Duvalier's wife to side with her daughter. The rift in his own family as well as the attempt of his enemies to disrupt the celebration of his 60th birthday and thr 10th anniversary of his taking office prompted Duvalier to remark that the only man he trusts is Gracia Jacques, commander of the Presidential Quard. This statement antegonized even those who have hitherto been! loyal to Duvelier. Moreover, even the most faithful Duvalier supporters now fear for their lives. Colonel Calllard, who is in charge of the Coast Guard, bitterly complained to Charles acout Duvalier's remark and reasoured the banker that he and his friends were ready to set up a military junta.
- 6. In addition to the Coast Guard ships, Charles would have the use of Vilaire's converted LG, which normally plies the waters between Jamaica and Fort-su-Frince carrying flour, fuel oil, etc. Vilaire is convinced that Charles has no choice but to carry out the come with or vithant foreign help and that his chances of success are good since Averal of the new Duvalier appointers to key military and civilian apporters of Suvalier has reached an all-time low and the Haitian Treasury is almost empty. Since Buvalier has been unable to obtain foreign capital, he has again resorted, through his Secretary of State for Gamesree and Industry Lebert Jegn-Fierre, to a shake-down of commercial and industrial enterprises. In a circular letter, dated 2 May 67, the Secretary appealed for "voluntary contributions as a fitting hamage to the Venerable President for Life, Chief of the Duvalierist Bavalution." (A copy of the letter is attached.)
- T. Jean-Pierre and Henri Sielait, confidents of Davalier in charge of the Regie de Tabas and dos Allumettes, are exempt the stamehest supporters of the president. Both men have stolen considerable queunts of public finds and succeeded in amuggling some of their meney out of Haiti.

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- 8. Secretary of State for Justice Rameau Estime, who is a good friend of Captain Tassy, is in serious trouble. Estime, a brother of a former president of Haiti, may lose his position. Since he himself has presidential ambitions, he may become a candidate for this office is he survives the present crisis.
- 9. Another potential rival for the presidency is Secretary of State for Labor and Social Welfare Max A. Antoine, who claims the support of the labor unions.
- According to Vilaire, the wildest rumors are rumpant in Emiti. For example, even intelligent persons give credence to the allegation that the UB Government is not really anxious to see the downfall of Buvalier and that a portion of the UB\$40 million hitherto allocated to President Balaguer of the Dominican Royublic as development loans was passed on, with the tacit consent of the UB, to "Balaguer's good friend," Duvalier. Another rumor states that the CIA is now in the process of training Hartism exiles in the UB for a possible invasion of Emiti. The name of Lase Fouche, a former demator in Haitiend a former Ambassedor to the UB now in exile in New York City. cas been mentioned as one of those receiving training in guarrille.
  - 11. One of Vileire's aims during his present visit to the UE is to convince influential Haitian exiles that Charles is not a Duvalier supporter and that he would make a good president. Vileire has already contacted, through Erun, Louis Sansarioq, a prominent anti-Buvalier exile in New York City, and hopes to meet other exile leaders.
- 18. Brun stated that the newly appointed representative of the UNIX (United Sations Development Progress) in Port-en-Prince, a Greek, has just returned to Ear York and stated that he will not go back to Faiti because he discovered that finds granted by the UNIX wave "misesy-expristed by the Duvalier government."
- is also asserted that an organisation comprised of US eltisons and calling itself the "Society for Entit" vill try to raise money for "matrition, education, referentation, cultural and connected developments in Salti." Embasse, Salti's embassedor to the US, is connected with this organisation. An CAS mission is expected to be in Port-au-Frince this week and Bonhame vill be on hand. (A copy of a list of the masse of persons supporting the Scolety for Balti is attached.)

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- 14. Engineer Louis Leveque, a member of the Haitian Encomic Planning
  Board and a close friend of Charles', is expected in New York on or
  about 16 Mry 67 ostensibly to discuss port development projects of
  Port-on-Prince with the G. S. White Engineering Corporation, 60 Broad Street,
  Hillet. The real purpose of his visit, however, is to contact US
  friends and Haitian exiles in an effort to gain support for Charles.
- 15. Charles and Brun talked on the phone 12 May 67. The banker stated that he is "tied down" in Port-au-Prince until the end of May, at which time he may make another business trip to the US.
- 16. Brun is firmly convinced that Charles has already made the decision to overthrow the Envaluer government with his friends and that he must act fast to prevent chaos and a possible Communist take-over. Vilaire and Erum agree that the political and economic situation in Esiti is such that "the population wants a change, any change, and would even velocus a Communist coup." They added that Charles and his military friends with to prevent a Castro-supported Communist actsure of power.

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SUBJECT: Plans of Haitian Banker Clemard Joseph Charles to Overthrow the Duvalier Government - Case 47,540 (Re-opened)

- 1. In 9 key 1967 Louis A. Brun, B&B International Corp., New York City. furnished the following information.
- 2. He and Clemend Joseph Charles, President of the Banque Commerciale D'Haiti and President of the Chamber of Commerce of Haiti, have discussed in detail the possible overthrow of the Duvalier Government in the near future. During his visit to New York City in the first week of May, 1967, Cherles stated that he is now ready to execute his long-planned scheme to seise power with his military and civilian friends in Port-eu-Prince, with or without the help of the United States Government. Charles further stated that he had rifles and hand granades hidden "somewhere in Haiti." In addition he will have, through his good friend Colonel Caillard, Chief of the Haitian Const Guard, three Haitian boats under his control. Caillard, who enjoys the confidence of Duvalier, is a secret ally of Charles and is now ready to place this three boats, which carry camons, at the disposal of Charles. The trouble is that Caillard does not have enough essemblion for the commons. Charles hopes to obtain the necessary exemulation from the US Government. He would like to receive the mmanition from the US Carrier, BOXER, which has for some time been on duty in the Caribbean area. Charles believes that it is in the best interest of the US Government to give him all necessary help in his effort to get rid of Duvalier who has brought Haiti to the brink of total economic collapse.
- J. Besides Caillard, Charles has the support of an unnamed highsending Maitien Army officer. Charles and his military, as well as
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  "controls" Reason Cathelia and Episcopalism clergy, teachers and students,
  several businessmen, and key militia figures in the rural areas who now
  wait for his signal to overthrow the present regime.
- 4. Charles is still pretending to be a loyal supporter of Duvalier. However, he feels that his life is now in danger and unless he strikes first, he may fall victim to the President. His position has become shaker. In early 1967, at Duvalier's request, he submitted a memorandum to the President describing the wrong doing of Henri Siclait, who is in the sharps of the Regio de Tabas and Des Allumettes (tobacco and match industry),

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but it appears that Duvalier took Siclait's side. According to Charles, Siclait has been successful in raising money for Duvalier and also had beautiful homes built for some of the President's key supporters. Charles stated that he had given a copy of his memorandum on Siclait to the US Ambassador in Port-su-Prince.

- 5. Although he has relationships with the UB diplomatic service in Furt-au-Prince, Charles expressed his desire to "cooperate with a Liaison Officer from the UB". When asked to elaborate, he stated that it would be too dangerous to contact a UB diplomat in Fort-au-Prince; instead he would revere to cooperate with a Liaison man from the Pentagon.
- 6. Charles stated that as President he would pursus a pro-UB policy, eliminating the Davalier elements and the Communists and establishing a "liberal democratic" regime. If he fails to receive UB help in his effort to overthrow the present Haitian Government, he will still go shead with the planning, but the execution of his scheme will take more time.
- T. For the time being, Charles will continue to support the Davalier government, in an effort to allay the suspicions of the President. Charles, in his copacity as the President of the Haitian Charles of Commune, will soon deliver a speech praising the achievements of Buralier. Charles is envious for the US Covernment to know that this is just a pretense, that he now is determined to go into action against the regime, and that he knows that he and his friends are facing an extremely difficult tesk.

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COUNTRY Haiti REPORT NO.

**SUBJECT** 

Efforts by Haitian Civilians

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And Military to Gain Power In Haitian Government

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REFERENCES

- Haitians Clemard Joseph Charles and Herve Boyer are contending for power in the Haitian Government, and each has hopes of succeeding President Francois Duvalier. Although they are working together and will join forces in order to get rid of Duvalier, they probably will start fighting between themselves once this objective is obtained.
- Colonel Jacques Laroche is the military's primary contender for power, and undoubtedly he will be the one to consolitate a military movement against Duvalier. Since the dismissal of high-ranking military officers by Duvalier in November and December 1966, Laroche has enjoyed the greatest power within the Army.
- If Duvalier is assassinated, it is likely that there will be bloodshed in the streets. In this event, it would be the Army who would step in immediately and control the situation. Despite the fact that the Army is small and weakened from its loss of high-ranking offficers, it still would be powerful enough to neutralize any effort by the Haitian militia (VZN) because the VEN is disorganized and would be unable to cope with the confusion which would be caused by an unnatural death of Duvalier. However, if Duvalier dies a natural death there would be less chance of hostilities because the people around Duvalier would have a better chance of taking power.
- There is little chance that lavalier will step down from power volumterily because of his pride. However, in this respect his family, particularly Mrs. Duralier, has constantly encouraged him to give up the presidency and appoint a successor.

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### Headquarters Comments

- Charles is president of the Commercial Bank of Haiti, and Boyer is a former Minister of Finance under Duvalier. Another source, whose reporting has been infrequent, but considered reliable, has reported that Boyer has signed a contract to work with an international organization in Europe. If Boyer leaves Haiti, it is possible that he will forego his ambitions for power in the Haitian Government, or that his endeavors will be hampered seriously by his absence from the country.
- 2. Leroche is Deputy Chief of Staff of the Haitian Armed Forces, His ambitious and corrupt character, and his overtures toward Duvalier, have gained him his power within the Army over the placid, easygoing General Gerera Constant, Chief of Staff of the Haitien Army. For biographic information on Laroche see

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COUNTRY Haiti REPORT NO.

SUBJECT Plans of Clemard Joseph Charles, DATE MSTR. 22 May 1967

President of the Commercial Bank
Of Haiti, to Overthrow the NO. PAGES 2

Duvalier Government

REFERENCES

- 1. In discussing the possibility of overthrowing the Duvalier Government in the near future, Clemard Joseph Charles, president of the Commercial Bank of Haiti, said he now is ready to execute his long-planned scheme to seize power with his military and civilian friends in Port-au-Prince, with or without the help of the U.S. Government. If he fails in his efforts to obtain U.S. support for his plan, Charles still intends to go ahead with the plot, but he said the execution of his scheme will take more time. However, Charles believes that it is in the best interest of the U.S. to give him all necessary help in his effort to get rid of President Duvalier who has brought Haiti to the brink of total economic collapse.
- 2. Charles said that he has rifles and hand grenades hidden "somewhere in Haiti" and that through his good friend Colonel Octave Cayard, commander of the Haitian Coast Guard, three Haitian books, which carry cannons, will be under his control. Cayard cannot furnish enough ammunition for the cannons, but Charles hopes to obtain the necessary amount from the U.S. Government. He would like to get the ammunition from the U.S. aircraft carrier, BOXER, which has been on duty in the Caribbean area for some time.
- 3. Besides Cayard, Charles has the support of an unnamed high-ranking Haitian Army officer & Charles and his military and civilian friends plan to set up a provisional junta and get rid of the "enemies of Haiti," that is, Duvalier and his supporters. After the consolidation of power in the hands of the junta, Charles plans to run for President and is convinced that he can win since he has many supporters in Port-an-Prince as well as in the rural areas of Haiti. Charles claims that he "controls" the Catholic and Episcopal clergy, teachers and students, several businessmen, and key militiumen in the rural areas who are waiting for his signal to overthrow the present regime.

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- Charles has stated that should be become President of Haiti, he would pursue a pro-U.S. policy, eliminating the Duvalierists and the Communists and establishing a "liberal democratic" regime.
- Charles still is pretending to be a loyal supporter of Duvalier; however, his position has become shaky and he believes that his life is in danger. He feels that he may fall victim to Duvalier unless he (Charles) strikes first. For the time being, Charles will continue to support Duvalier in ar effort to allay the President's suspicions. As president of the Haitian Chamber of Commerce, Charles soon will deliver a speech praising the achievements of Duvalier. He is anxious for the U.S. to know that his overtures toward Davalier are pretense and that he is determined to 60 into action against the present regime.

### **Headquarters** Comments

rom another reliable source, reported that Charles and Herve Boyer, former Minister of Finance under Duvalier, were contending for power in the Haitian Government.

- In the past several months, Charles has made numerous attempts to elicit support from several U.S. Government agencies for his plot against the Duvalier Government.
- No reason was given for Charles' belief that it would be in the best interest of the U.S. to support his scheme to overthrow Duvalizr. However, he may be referring to his claim that should be become President of Haiti following the overthrow of Duvalier, he intends to pursue a pro-U.S. policy and establish a "liberal democratic" regime.
- Cayard, who enjoys the confidence of Duvalier, is a secret ally of Charles.

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- 1. Clemard Joseph Charles, president of the Commercial Bank of Haiti, claims that since Maj. Coicou (fuu), a close friend, has replaced Capt. Harry Tassy in the Presidential Guard, he (Charles) now has an access to arms and ammunition in the basement of the Palace and is in a position to carry out a coup against President Francois Duvalier "in the near future."

  Although no definite date has been set yet for the coup, Charles is convinced that it must be carried out "within the next few months" to save Haiti from economic and political chaos. Charles, and especially his military riends, feel that 1967 is the year of decision.
- 2. Although Col. Pierr -Louis (fmu), 2 commander of the Dessalines Barracks, was not camed as a fellow-conspirator; Charles believes that Pierre-Louis knows of and approves his plans to overthrow Duvalier; and that he (Charles) "controls" the Dessalines Barracks through Pierre-Louis. Col. Octave Caillard is one of the key military figures on whom Charles pins his lopes. Caillard is thoroughly disillusioned with Duvalier and is willing to cooperate. Caillard fears that if Duvalier remains in power, Haiti's economy will be completely ruined and Haitian exiles receiving guerrilla training in Cuba may attempt to seize power in Haiti.
- 3. Charles has the support of Capt. Preval (fmu), 3 of the Presidential Guard, and realizes that high-ranking officers loyal to Duvalier could cause bloodshed; Charles and his associated expect violence during the initial stages of the cause.
- b. In eddition to ships of the Heitian Coast Guard, Charles now has the use of a 352-ton converted landing craft (LC) which normally sails between Jamaics and Port-su-Prince carrying flour, fuel oil, etc.

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- Charles had no contact with Haitian exile groups until early May 1967, when he sent an emissary to New York City to talk to Louis Bandaricq, a prominent anti-Duvalier exile, whose entire family was killed by Duvalier's benchmen. Sansaricq agreed to support Charles in a final showdown with Duvalier and promised to line up some of his fellow exiles to support Charles. A close friend of Charles was planning to go to New York in mid-May 1967 estensibly to discuss port development projects in Port-au-Prince with a U.S. construction firm; however, the real purpose of the trip is to contact Haitian exiles to gain their support for Charles.
- 6. On 19 May 1967, a group of prominent Haitian exiles held a meeting in Hew York City to celebrate Haitian Flag Day. One of the organizers of the meeting was Dr. Jumelle (fmu), a medical doctor whose brother was a former Haitian Minister of Finance and who was killed by Duvalier. Another exile who attended the meeting was Vixamar (fmu) who claims to be a legal advisor to the Republic of Chad and who said that he was going to be the next president of Haitia. The group of Haitian exiles, believed to call itself the "National Organization of Haitian Exiles", has some members who back Charles.
- 7. Following are prominent Haitians who Charles believes must be eliminated after the coup:
  - a. Col. Gracia Jacques of the Presidential Guard Jacques, who is no longer blindly loyal to Davalier, will be needed in the execution of the coup, and can be bought; however, once power is in the hands of a military junta and Charles, Jacques will be eliminated.
  - b. Imo Desir, bead of the Tonton-Macoute.
  - e. Clovis Desinor, Minister of Finance en "anarchist" with presidential aspirations who has an "underground movement in Haiti."
  - 4. Gen. Gerard Constant, Chief of Staff.
  - e. Col. Jacques Laroche, Deputy Chief of Staff a "convinced Communist."
- 8. If the coup is successful, Charles hopes to give Andre Theard, former Haitian Ambassador to the United States, a diplomatic post; Theard is strongly pro-U.S. Charles regards General Philippeaux, Minister of Health, as a very sick man with no further political aspirations.
- 9. Close friends of Charles are convinced that Charles has no choice but to earry out a comp with or without foreign help, and that his chances of success are good because several of Duvalier's new appointees to key positions are friends of Charles; also, that Charles must not suon because the merale of many of Duvalier's military and civilian supporters has reached an all-time low and because the Faitian Treasury is almost empty.

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- S. Another source has identified Proval as Comt. Walter Proval.

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SUPPOSEDLY HAS \$425,000 IN CASH, CHARLES HAS MALREADY ADVANCED
\$189,000 AND CANNOT FIND ENOUGH CASH TO MEET DUVALIER'S
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PAGE 2 JMWAVE 7827 S E C R E T ACTUALLY IN NEW YORK OBTAIN INFO HAITIAN EXILES.

IMMAVE FORWARDING UNDER REF B COPY OF DOCUMENT PRE-JPARED BY PRESIDENT OF BANK OF HAITI, ANTONIO ANDRES FOR TREAGER BROS AND ASSOCIATES, MIAMI EXPORTERS, WHICH OUTLINES FINANCIAL SITUATION OF HAITI AS OF 26 DECEMBER 1966. EVLOFT-1 OBTAINED DOCUMENT FROM TRAEGER BROS WITH WHOM HE HAS PERSONAL CONTACT. TRAEGER BROS APPARENTLY APPROACHED FOR HELP IN PROD POSET HON SO MILLION BOND ISSUE, BUT HAS NOT RESPONDED. THE DOCUMENT WAS PASSED TO STATION ON & MAY.

4. INDEX CHARLES, GREGER, ANDRE.

4 May 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT:

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Bigned, re Clemard Joseph CHARLES.

- 3. Today the DCS Readquarters received the following teletype from DCS representative, from Luis A. BRUN, President of BaB International Corporation, New York City.
  - A. Baiti's financial situation is now catastrophic.
    All efforts by President DUVALIER to attract foreign
    capital have failed. Domestic financial resources
    exploited through threats, extortion, etc. are rapidly
    drying up and unless the Government receives foreign
    help, it faces complete financial ruin.
    - B. In another effort to raise money abreed, DUVALIER gave permission to Banker Clemard Joseph CHARLES to visit the United States and contact his business friends there. (See Cases 40570 à 40576). CHARLES visit to the U.S. is scheduled on or about 9 May 1967, at which time he will contact his business partner, Joseph DRYER, in Mismi.
    - C. According to ERUN, CHARLES also plans to go to Washington where he wants to tell "U.S. Government officials in Strict confidence that me is ready and able to overthrow DUVALIER's regime provided he receives U.S. help." ERUN will fly to Miani to meet CHARLES and will, in turn, tell shout the results of CHARLES' offorts.

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- S. There is a possibility that CHARLES will also come to New York City. If he does, BRUN and Capt. will discuss the latest developments with him.
- 4. During the past few days, CHARLES and ERUN have been in almost daily telecommunications, ostensibly discussing business matters. Using certain code words previously agreed upon in person, CHARLES is able to tell BRUN about the recent situation in Haiti without arousing the suspicions of Haitian phone censorship. Parts of the information contained in Paragraph 1 was received from CHARLES by BRUN during their teleconversation on 25 April 1967.

stated she would obtain copies of the DCS reports referred to in Para. 2-B above and call the Haiti Desk on 27 April 1967.

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3 May 1967

Requirements 1	or	Clemard	Joseph	Charles

- A. Basic Points To Be Stressed:
  - 1. The U.S. Government cannot make any commitment of support to Clenard Joseph Charles.
  - 2. Clemard Charles should not infer, imply or boast of U.S. support in his attempts to gain support for his project. The U.S.G. does not wish to be accused of everthrowing other governments.
  - 3. Charles should be told, however, that any information concerning his plans, intentions and movements will not under any circumstances be divulged to the GOH nor to other countrymen of his.
  - 4. and his friends are definitely interested in Charles' activities and information he can provide relative to the situation in the latter's country.
- B. Specific Requirements Relative to His Plans Since he Claims to Have Certain Capabilities:
  - 1. What elements or groups within the GOH, the military and police do you have actually committed to your plan of everthrowing Papa Doc (Duvalier)?
  - 2. Give the strength of each group? Rames of leaders?
  - 3. When do you plan to execute your project?
  - 4. How do you intend to handle the situation with regard to the Presidential Guard, the Dessalines troops and the melice in Port au Prince?
  - 5. In the execution of your scheme what is the extent of vicionos foreseen?
  - 6. What connection do you have with exiles and where?
  - 7. In case you decide to act would you notify Mr. Brun beforehand?

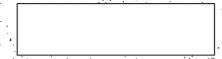
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- C. Other Requirements:
  - 1. What is the true evaluation of Papa Doc's health?
  - 2. Who are his personal doctors?
  - 3. In view of the deteriorating economy of the country do you think Papa Doc will step down and depart?
  - 4. What is the reason or circumstances for the recent dismissals and transfers of junior officers within the military?
  - 5. In a struggle for power what would be the situation between Lt Col Max Dominique and Luc Fourcard? Are these two individuals part of your schome?
  - 6. What part would Gracis Jacques, Luc Desir, Clovis Desinor, Gerard Philippeaux and General Constant play in case Papa Doc goes or there is a power struggle?
  - 7. What part would the people outside of Port au Prince play in an attempt of an overthrow? What groups in the interior and other cities would begin fighting each other at this juncture?

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- ture data too the DCS New York office.
- 2. The "EARL" referred to in my previous message is Earl SMITH, former U.S. Ambassador to Cuba and a friend of the KENNEDYS. SMITH, who was approached by Joseph DRYER, florida businessman, to take Haitian banker Clemand Joseph CHARLES to the State Department, refused to do so. In turn, DRYER contacted Paul ROGERS, Congressman from Florida, who agreed to talk with Sonator Ted KENNEDY. According to Luis A. ERUN, KENNEDY agreed to make an appointment for CHARLES at the State Department.
- S. Last night (presumably 30 April), CHARLES flow from Port au Prince to New York City. He is staying at the Lincoln Square Motor Inn, Suite 1002-1003, SU-7-6800, until Wednesday (3 May) when he plans to go to Washington and Hismi.
- 4. Also, last night, Luc Albert FOUCARD, son-in-law of President DUVALIER who is Minister of Tourism, and his wife arrived in New York City. They are staying at the Waldorf Astoria, EL 5-3000.
- 5. Allan COLTON, part owner of Haiti International Losther Corp, Fort au Prince, a Canadian national who requested an interview with Capt. BALOG, flew back to Haiti yesterday. He told um (SCB) that his efforts to sell Haitian treasury bends in the United States and Canada were unsuccessful.



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25 Apr 11 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Melville Omborne ARA/CAR Department of State

Per our telephone conversation, there follows a copy of the message from Ambansador TIMMONS, dated 22 April 1967, concorning Clemard Joseph CHARLES:

"As Department and CIA Washington are well aware. CHARLES has inordinate ambitions and has several times in past taken similar line. In my judgment he is again fishing to see if he can attract some form of U.S. Government support. We are most circumspect here in dealing with CHARLES and I am sure .ashington is handling in ware fashion. Ambassador asks this message be shown to LONG AND OSBORNE, ARA/CAR, State."

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hen commented regarding paragraph 2 above as follows:

"The radio station mentioned above is located somewhere in Massachusetts, according to our source and his Haitian friends in New York City. The believe it is a CIA operation."

- 4. Clemard Joseph CHARLES' Army friends mentioned above may possibly include Jacques LAROCHE, Deputy Chief of Staff.
- 5. At 1630 hours, the undersigned contacted to obtain additional information from concerning his interview with BRUN. Unfortunately, put the above message on the teletype and then departed for the weekend and will not be available for recontact until Monday, 24 April 1967.

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MaChFlabb, once again, left the door wide open for future conversations. 1014 10 0 \$3a 140)

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- 2. Charles is President of the Chamber of Commerce, and also belongs to several other commercial and civic organizations including the Committee for the Rehabilitation of the Rural Sections of Haiti, the International Club of Commerce of Haiti, the Commerce and Industry Association of New York, and the Rotary Club. (According to a report of March 1967 he was dropped from the last club in 1960 for non-attendance.)
- 3. In March 1907 ne was forced to give up his interest in a number of smaller concerns (Sonafrugo, Haitian Tobacco, Haitian International Leather, etc.) but retained his monopoly of the insurance business and the bank as well as his individually owned export-import business.
- 4. Although it is obvious that Clemerd Joseph Charles has been a favorite of fresident Duva'er, the recent changes in his financial empire indicate a loss of trust. The economy is in such a poor shape that Charles is not making as much out of his enterprises that the money and credit squeeze is hitting him as well as the fast of the more honest businessmen in Maiti. As symbols of past favor Charles has been decorated with the Order of Fetion and Holiver (Commander), the Order of Agricultural Merit (Commander), Knight of the Mational Order "Honor and Merit", Officer of the Lagor Order, and Commander of the Civil Merit Order.
- One well-in ormed high United States official reported in early 1963 that Charles was a "slippery character" but that some doubt existed concerning his importance or political signi-ficance within the regime. A few months after this estimate was mede; Charles conversed with a US Embassy official. Throughout their talk he showed an opvious desire to demonstrate his total political disinterest in the past while simultaneously minting that he could become a political rigure in the near future. He made guardod statements about the Duvaller regime, unhesitatingly giving the impression that he was the Fresident's friend, both through desire and necessity, out that he definitely did not agree with some of the government's policies. He attributed his support of the current government to the fact that it would be damperous for a Haitlan to withhold it. The following month (May 1963), on a business trip to the United States, Charles told a former us journalist that he was in a position to become head of a provisional government after Duvaller was removed from the scene. He expressed a belief that the President was ready to institute a reign of terror and that he was willing to accept soviet aid. In the opinion of the journalist, Charles firmly colleved that this was the link change for the United Status to note subsulish a democratic maitl, irlendly coward the United States, and mayo the Country from a Gustro-type Communist takeover. Chirten said that although he was on good terms with the bresident, he felt /continued/

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- 6. Charles said that if he were to be tresident he would need the "moral and economic help of the US Government and people" to transform hold into a true and prosperous democracy. He noted that he would need about a year to but into effect his "plan for the economic and social development of Halti", which included the following points: creation of a belanced economy adapted to Haltian conditions; and modernization of applicature. He said that he would like to present this plan to US officials for their consideration.
- 7. Charles endeavors to attract US venture capital for various Haitian projects and claims to be thoroughly pro-United States. He is reported to be an monorary citizen of the city of Long Beach, Long Saland, New York, making promoted a "sister city" relationship with that town and Port as Prince; in 1962 he reportedly received the key to the City of New York. He has visited the United States, the United Kingdom and Testern Europe many times on business trips. In July 1964 Charles traveled to Maxico and the United States, ostensibly to discuss the Establishment of a sistly cordage factory in maiti, but in reality to obtain 30 surplus T-28 trainer algorith. Charles subsequently was reported to be attempting to purchase 24 US surplus have a craft for Haiti's armed forces.
- 8. He is married to Sophie, nee Lherisson, and has an adopted son.
- but not intelligent. This is borne out by his willingness to cooperate with the international swindler, Mohammed Fayed in a number of money-moking schemes which came to a rinding helt when Fayed absconded with an undetermined out large amount of money. He has little senge of economic realities and is apperently sensitive about his knowledge or lack thereof. The Embassy reported in December 1965 that at a meeting Luvaller was holding with Antonio Andre (President of the Mational Bank of Haiti Bank) that andre should be adde to divert some of the "coffee money" from the Mational Bank to Duvaller's own needs. (Apparently Charles was referring to certain taxes on coffee exports which go to the Bank for deut emortization.) Andre roundly criticized Charles and other belf-etyled financial and fiscal experts in the Government, and onded by telling buvalier that if the latter followed the advice of such persons he would wreck heiti. Charles reportedly burst into tears and was taken ill. This gave rise to the story which was current at the time that he had had a nervous breakdown.

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